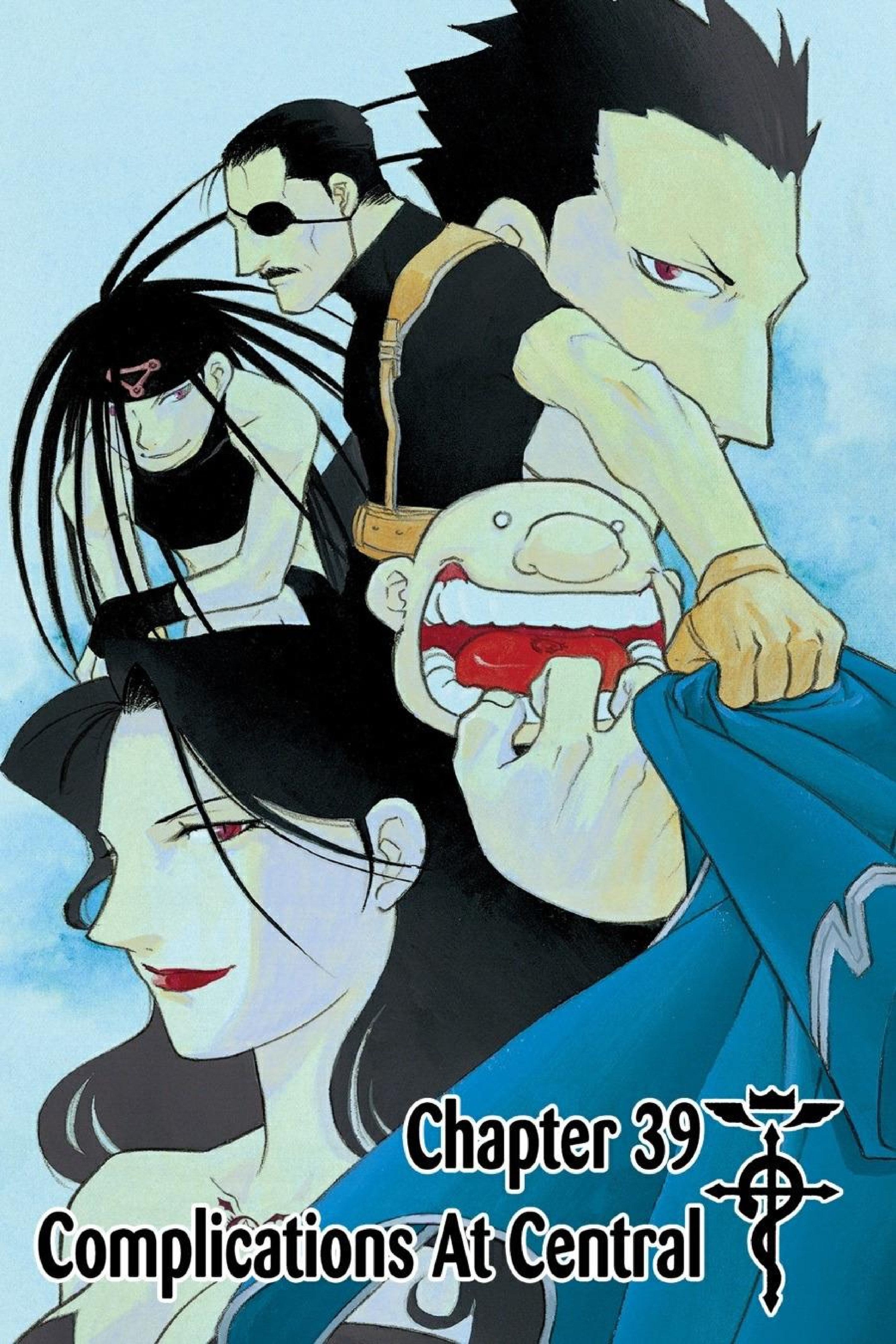




Chapter 39

Complications At Central





FULLMETAL
ALCHEMIST

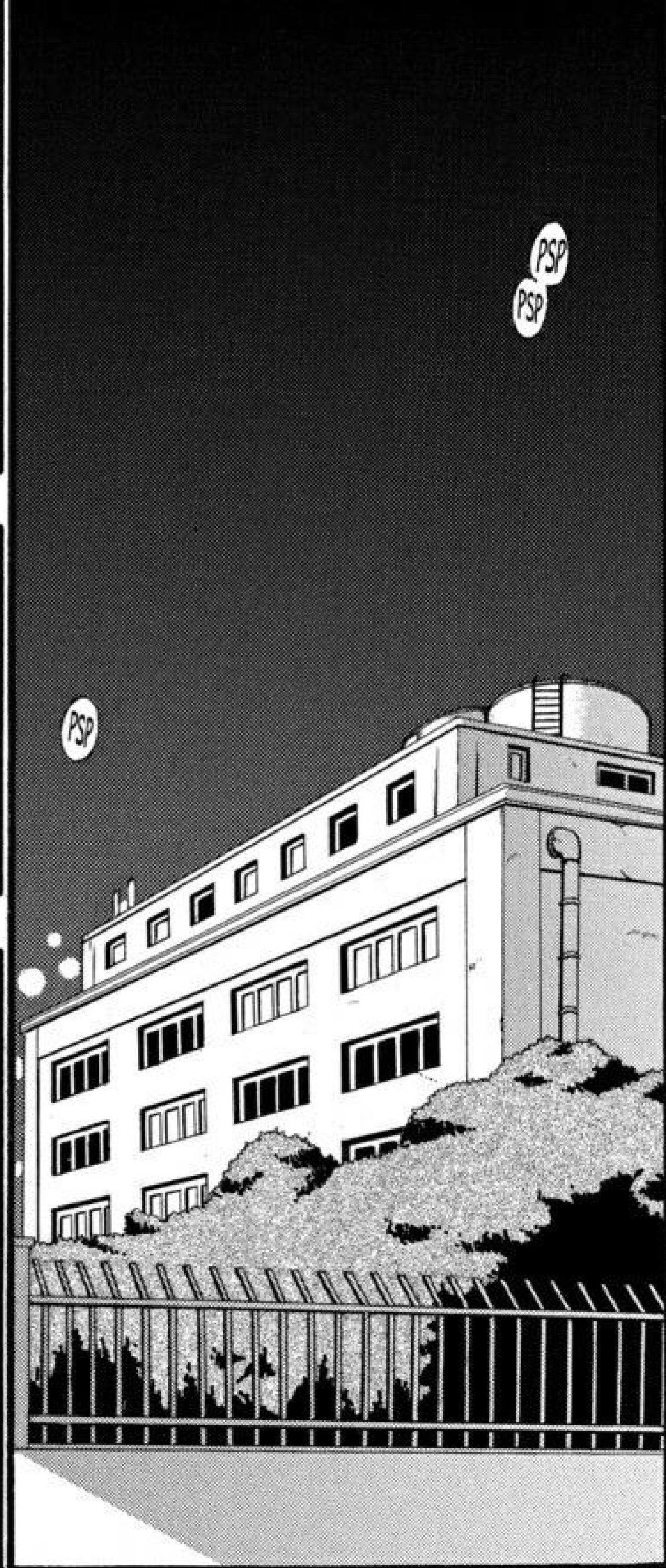


I
WONDER
IF
COLONEL
MUSTANG
IS ALL
RIGHT?



ARE YOU SURE
WE SHOULD
BE STANDING
AROUND OUT
HERE WHERE
ANYONE CAN
SEE US,
SIR?

WE
HAVE NO
CHOICE.
IT'S THE
COLONEL'S
ORDERS.



SPEAK
OF THE
DEVIL,
HERE
THEY
COME,
SIR.

HE DID
SAY THAT
HE HAD
ALREADY
CALLED
FOR REIN-
FORCE-
MENTS,
SO...



M...MR.
PRESIDENT
!?



VRM
VRM

VRM
VRM



COLONEL
MUSTANG
IS
PURSUING
HIM,
SIR!

YES, SIR!
IT'S THE
FUGITIVE
WHO
ATTACKED
THE PENI-
TENTIARY
THIS
MORNING.



KLAK

KLAK
KLAK

THERE'S
AN
INTRUDER
INSIDE
?



PLEASE
WAIT, MR.
PRESIDENT!
THE COLONEL
CALLED FOR
REINFORCE-
MENTS. THEY
SHOULD BE
HERE ANY--

KLAK
KLAK

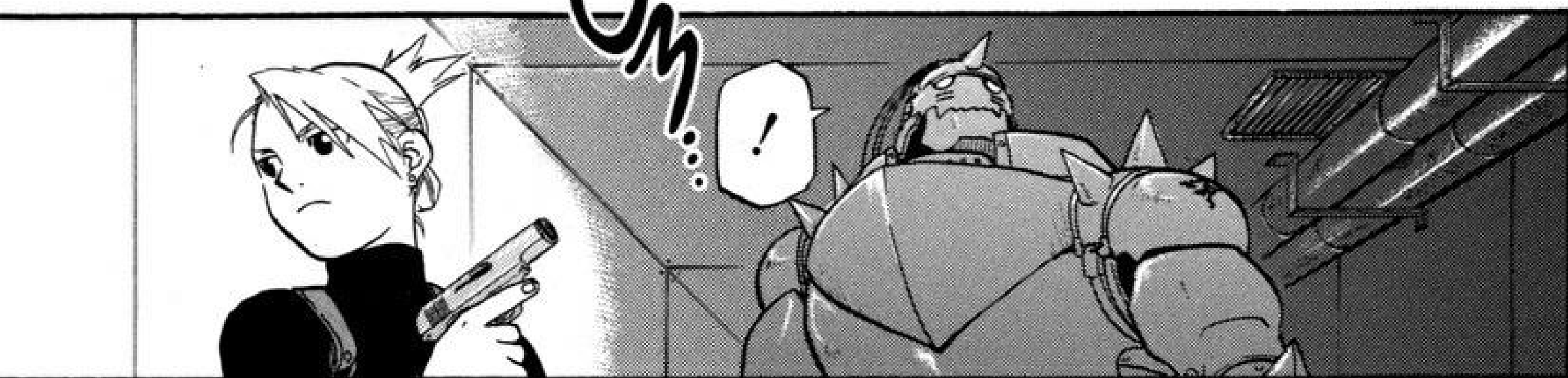


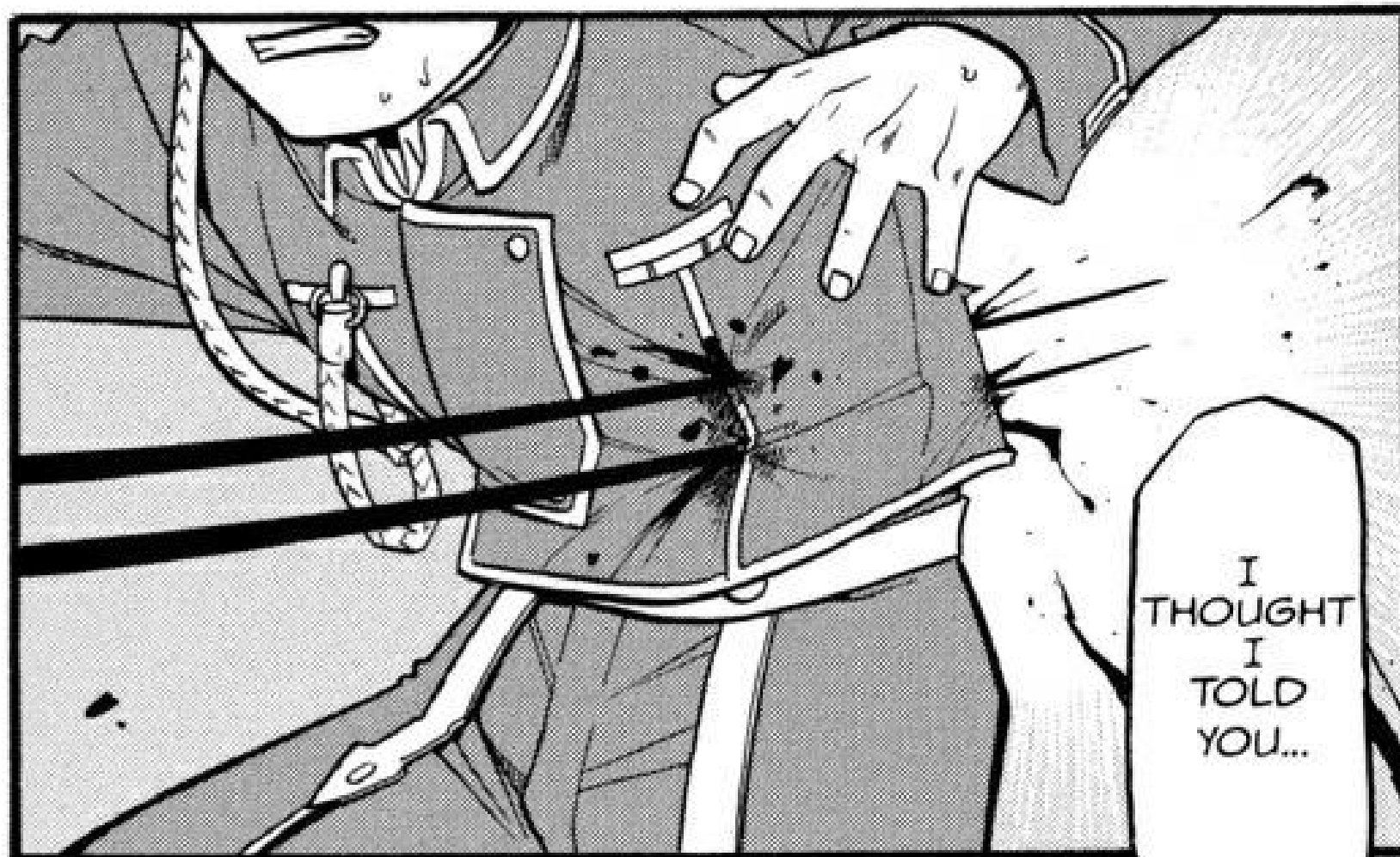
KLAK
KLAK

THEN I
SUPPOSE
I SHOULD
GO GIVE
HIM A
HAND.



KA BOOM







I HATE TO
KILL YOU-
YOU WERE A
POTENTIAL
CANDIDATE
FOR HUMAN
SACRIFICE...

I'M
SORRY.



...BUT
NOW THAT
YOU'VE
STUCK YOUR
NECK IN
THIS FAR,
I CAN'T LET
YOU LIVE.



THERE
ARE STILL
A FEW
MORE MICE
SCURRYING
ABOUT.

WELL...



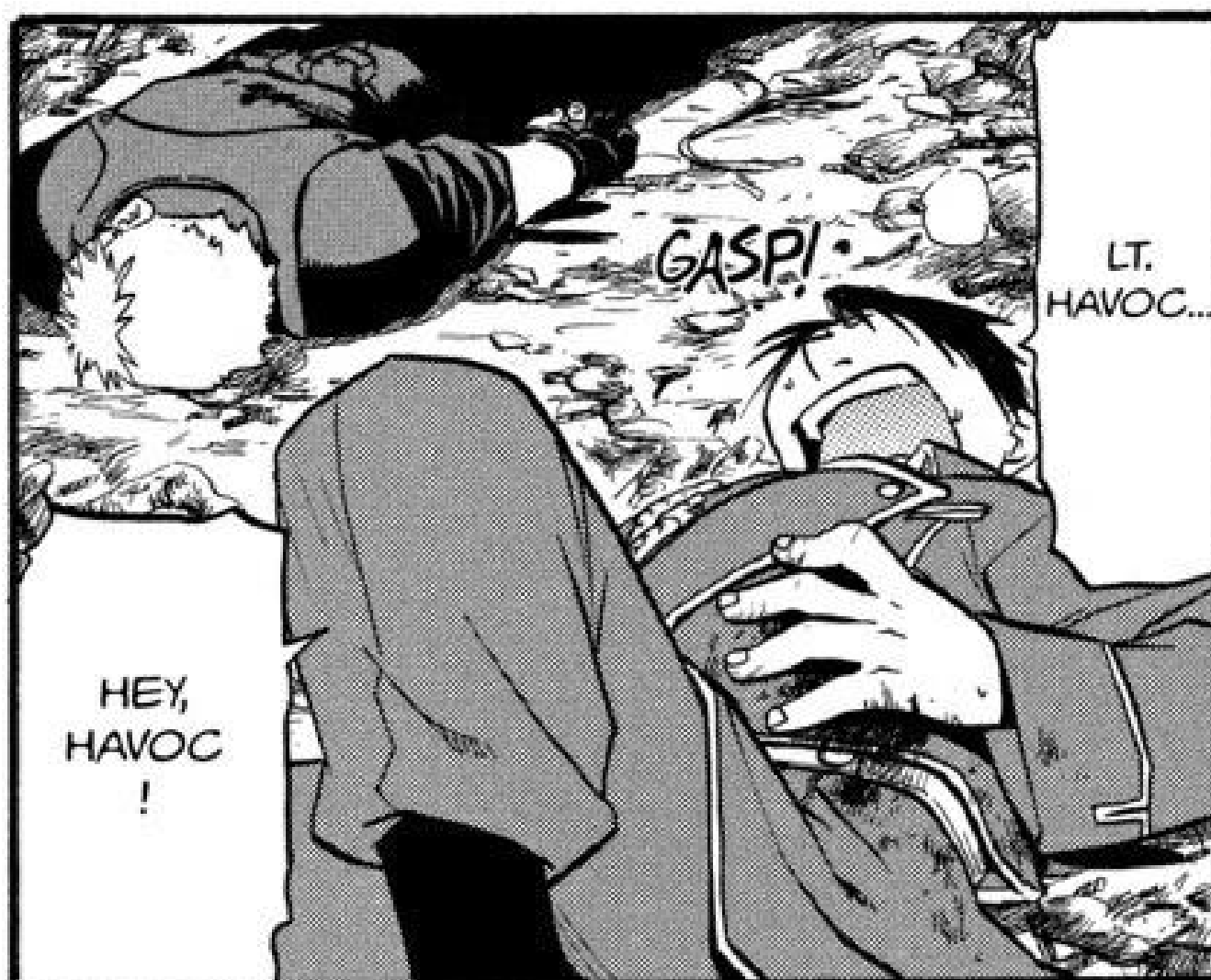
DAMN
YOU...

I
SUPPOSE
I SHOULD
TAKE CARE
OF THEM
TOO.



SHRED

RRGH...



HEY,
HAVOC
!

GASP!..

LT.
HAVOC...



ENJOY
WATCHING
YOUR
SUBORD-
INATE
BLEED
TO
DEATH.

YOU'LL
BE
JOINING
HIM
SOON
ENOUGH.



YOU
BASTARD,
I WON'T
LET
YOU DIE
BEFORE
I DO!!

EVERY-
ONE'S
DYING
BEFORE
ME...

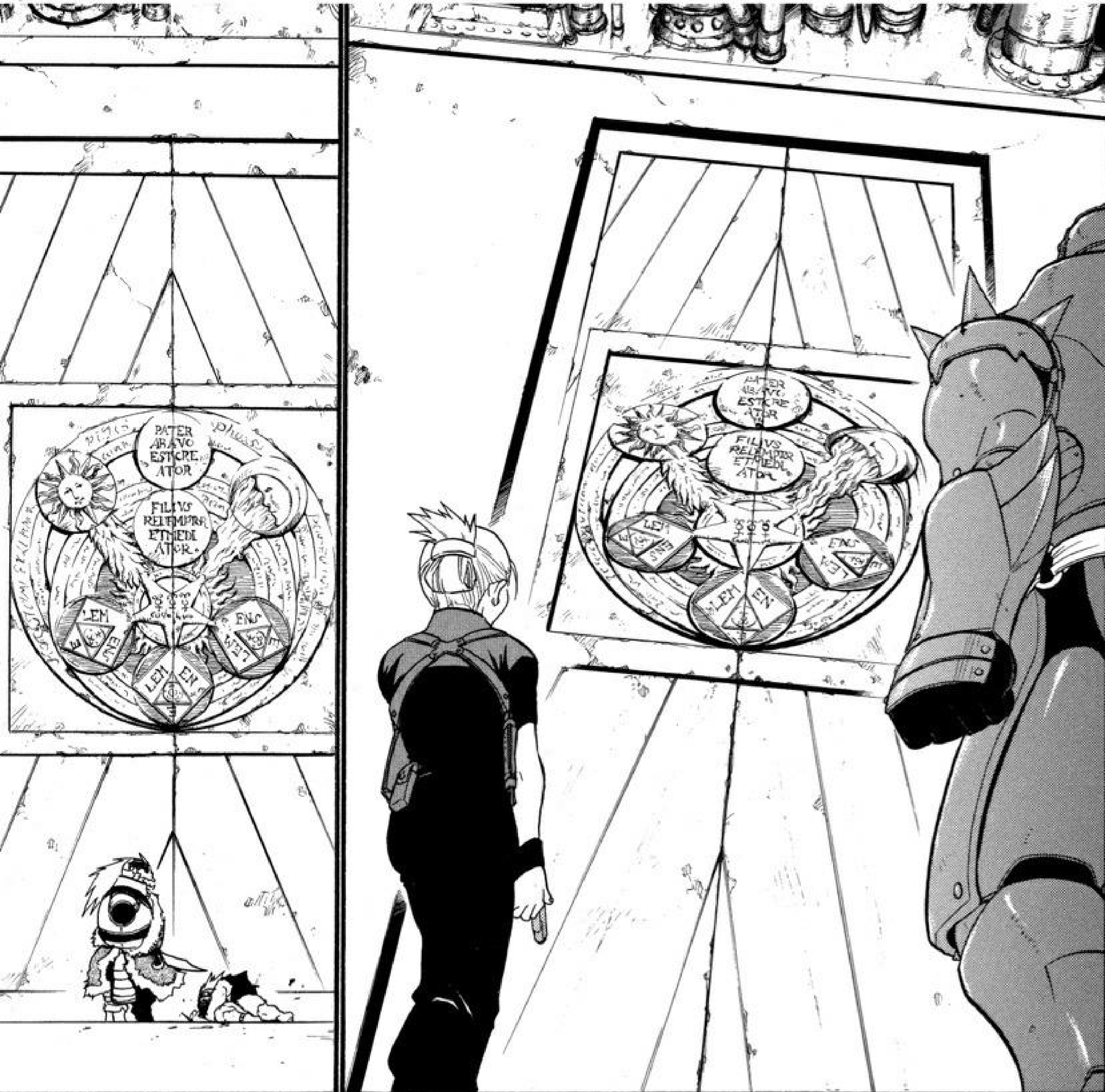
DAMN
IT
!!



ANSWER
ME,
HAVOC
!



HAVOC!!





THE
BODY AND
SOUL WERE
IN CONFLICT
WITH EACH
OTHER.

NO
WONDER
MY BODY
WAS
DECOM-
POSING.

THOSE BASTARDS
PUT SOMEONE
ELSE'S SOUL IN
MY BODY. GUESS
THE BODY DIDN'T
TAKE TO WELL
TO ITS NEW
OCCUPANT.

GASP!

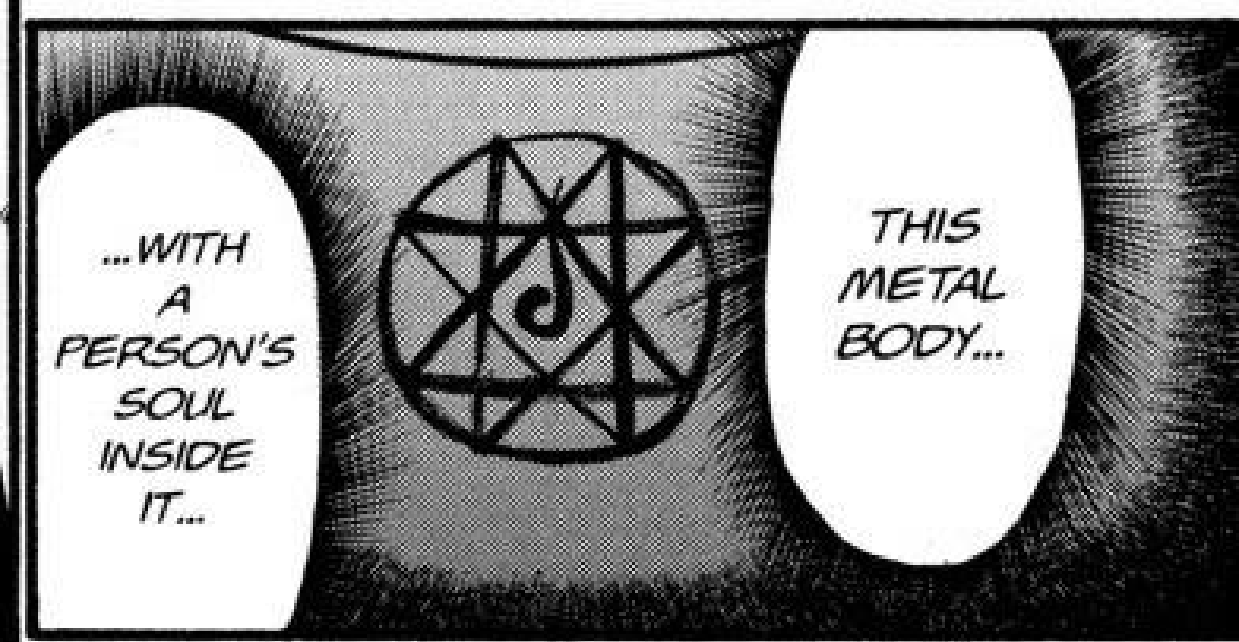


...BIG
BROTHER
!!

THERE'S NO
GUARANTEE
THAT IT WON'T
REJECT
MY SOUL
BEFORE WE
ACCOMPLISH
OUR
OBJECTIVE.

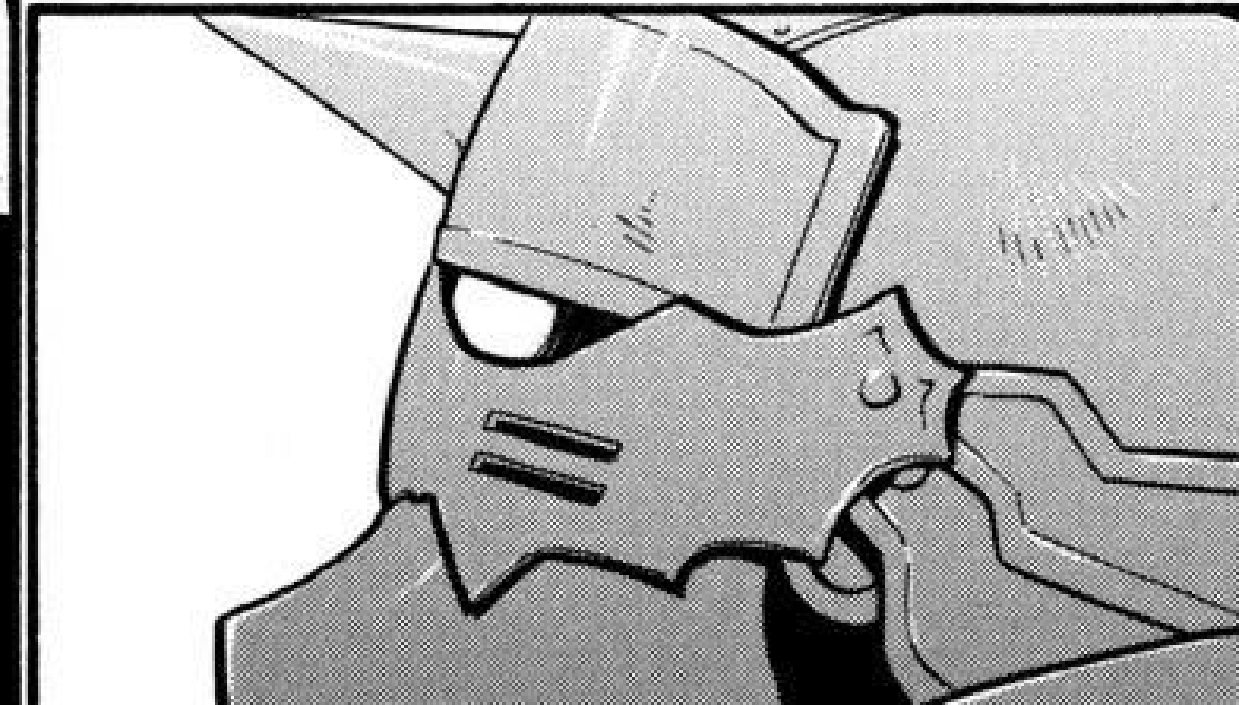


THAT'S
TRUE. A SOUL
INSIDE A
STRANGER'S
BODY WILL
ALWAYS BE
IN CONFLICT
WITH ITS
HOST.

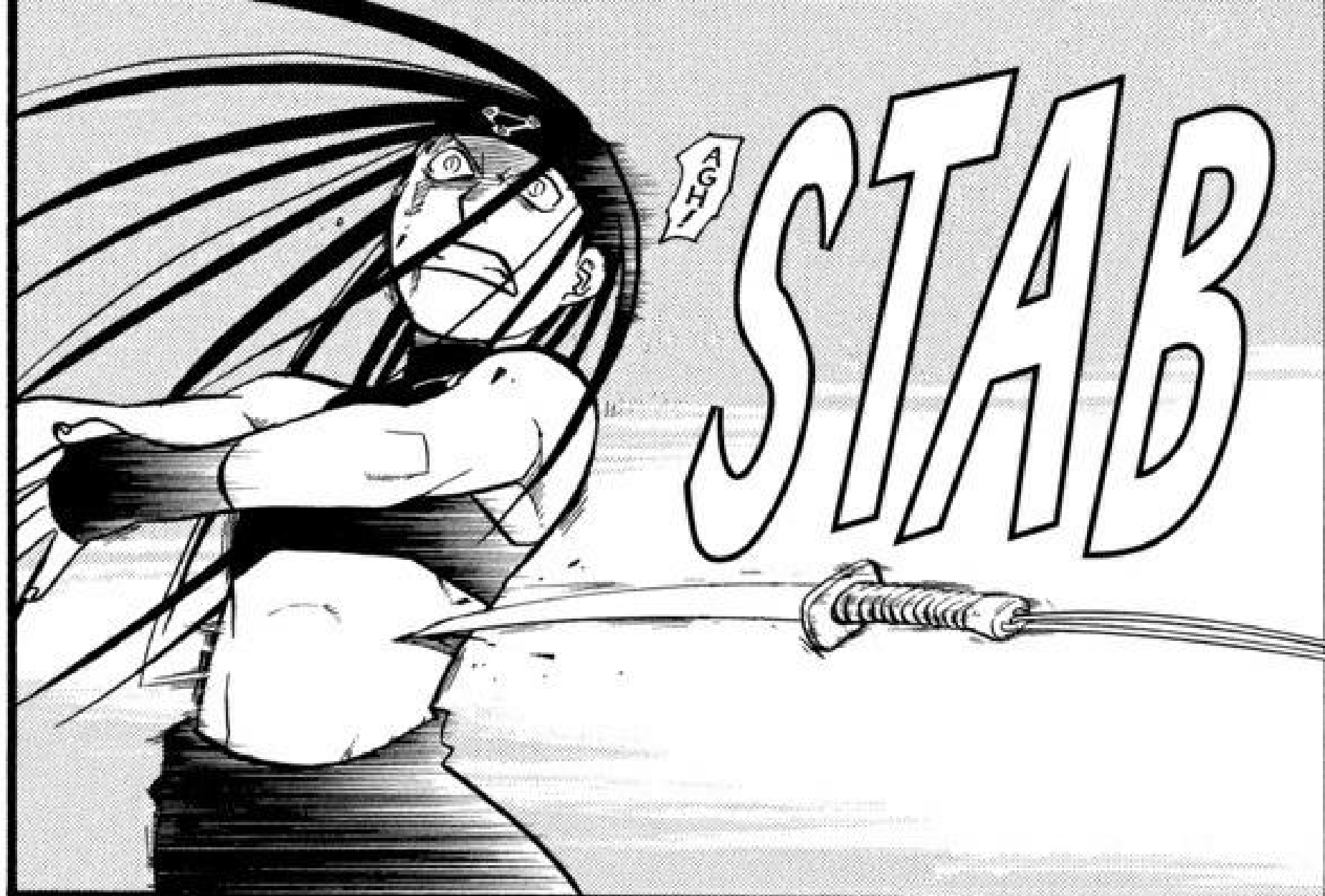


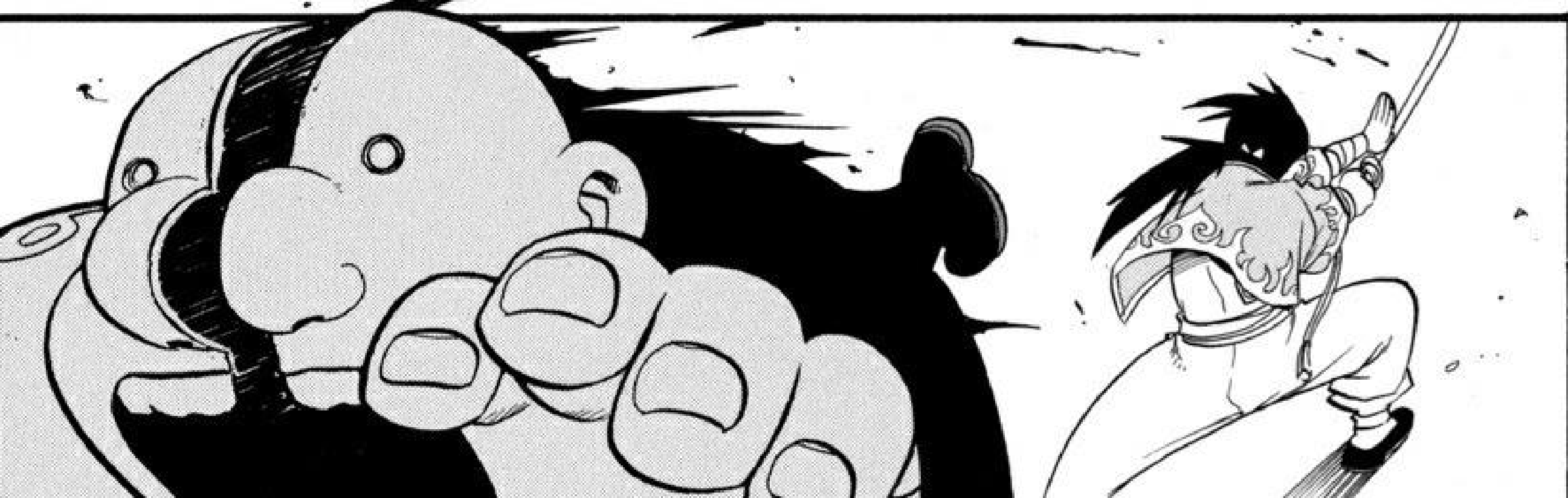
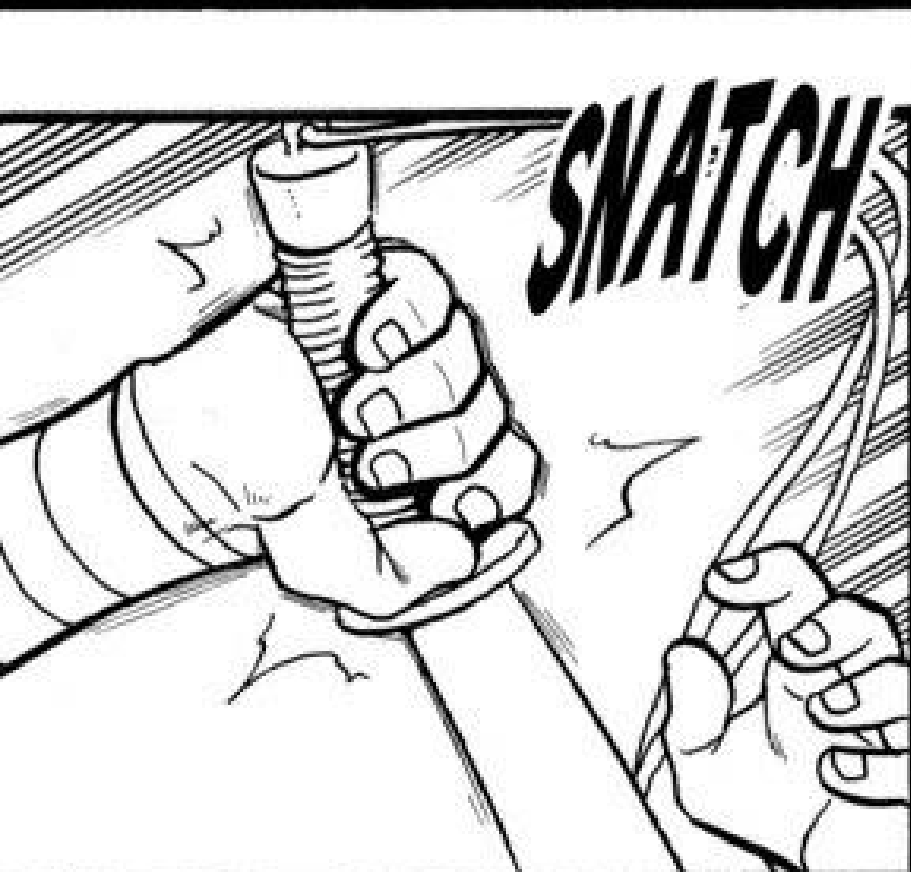
...WITH
A
PERSON'S
SOUL
INSIDE
IT...

THIS
METAL
BODY...



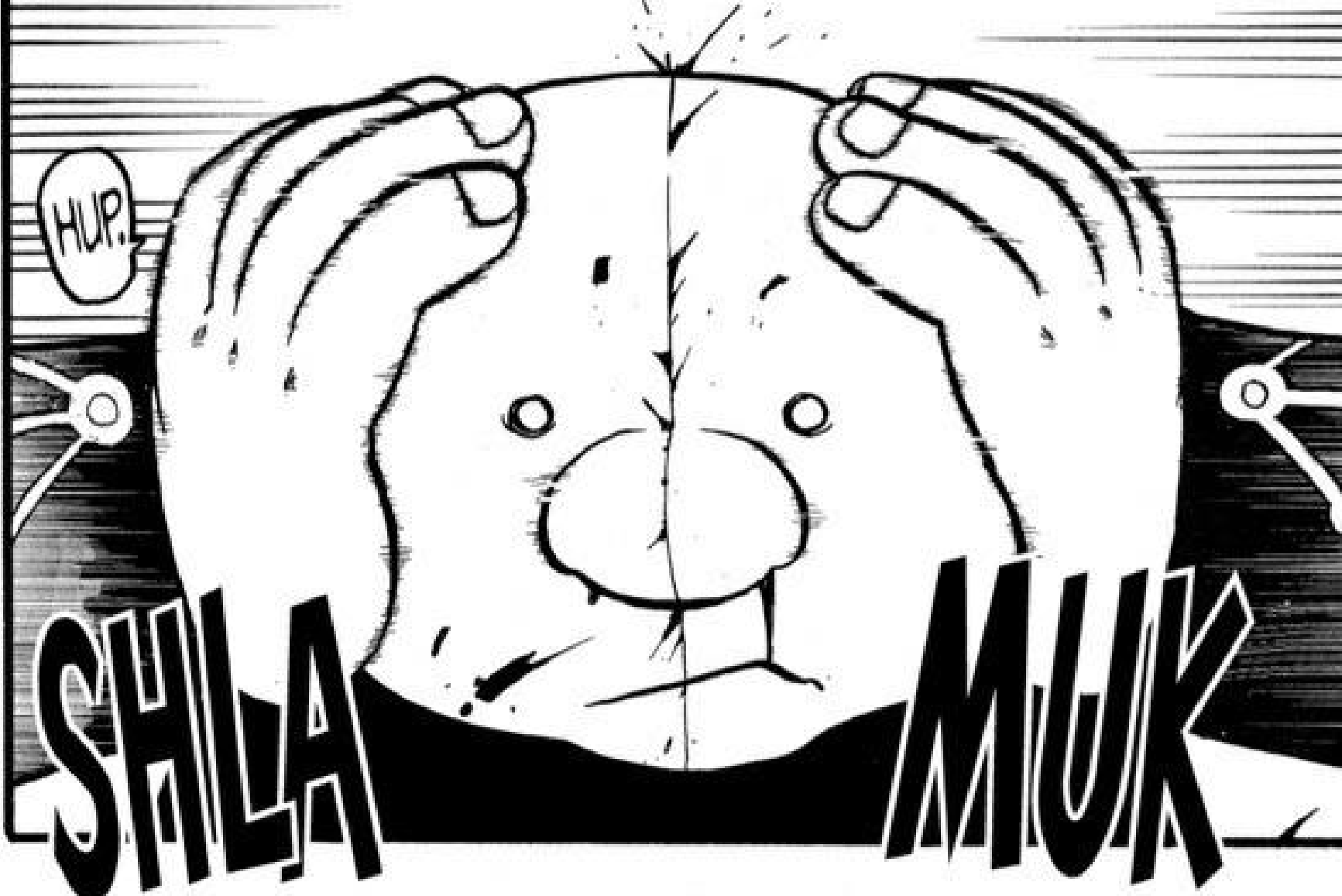








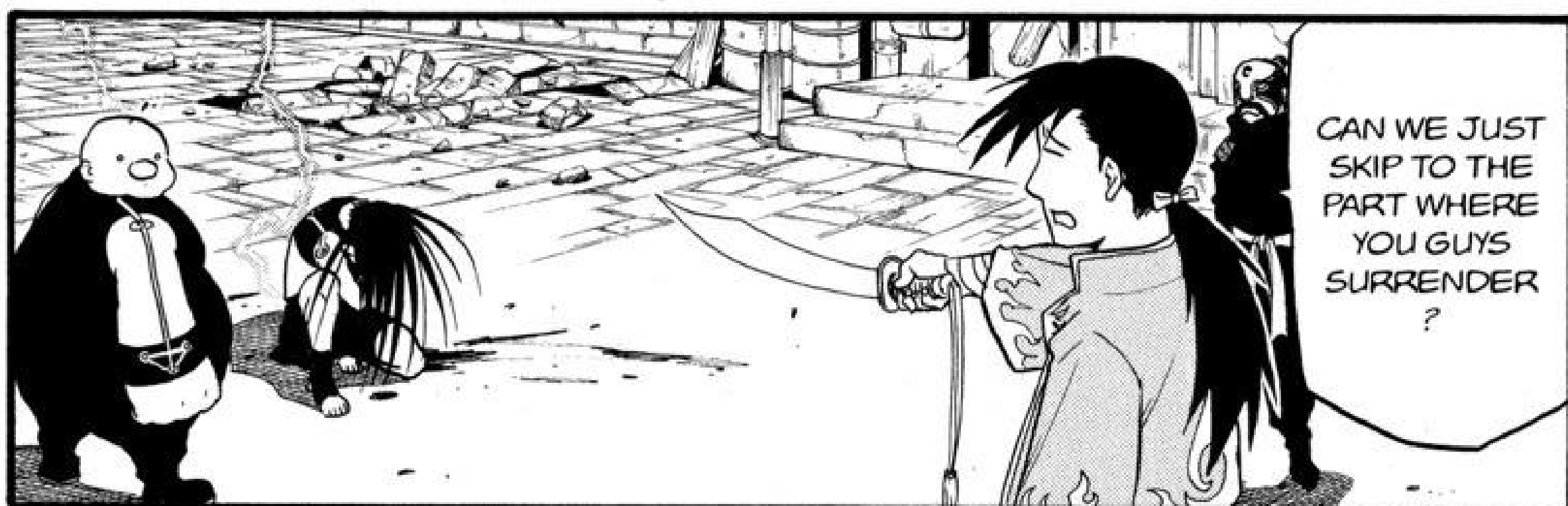
THIS IS REALLY GETTING OLD...



HUP.

SHILA

MUK



CAN WE JUST SKIP TO THE PART WHERE YOU GUYS SURRENDER?



NO.

YOU CAN SWALLOW THEM WHOLE.



WHAT'S GOING ON?

A FIGHT?

...



PEH

I PROMISE THAT NOTHING WILL HAPPEN TO YOU.



CAN I HAVE A BITE? HUH? HUH?

WE'VE GOT AN AUDIENCE.

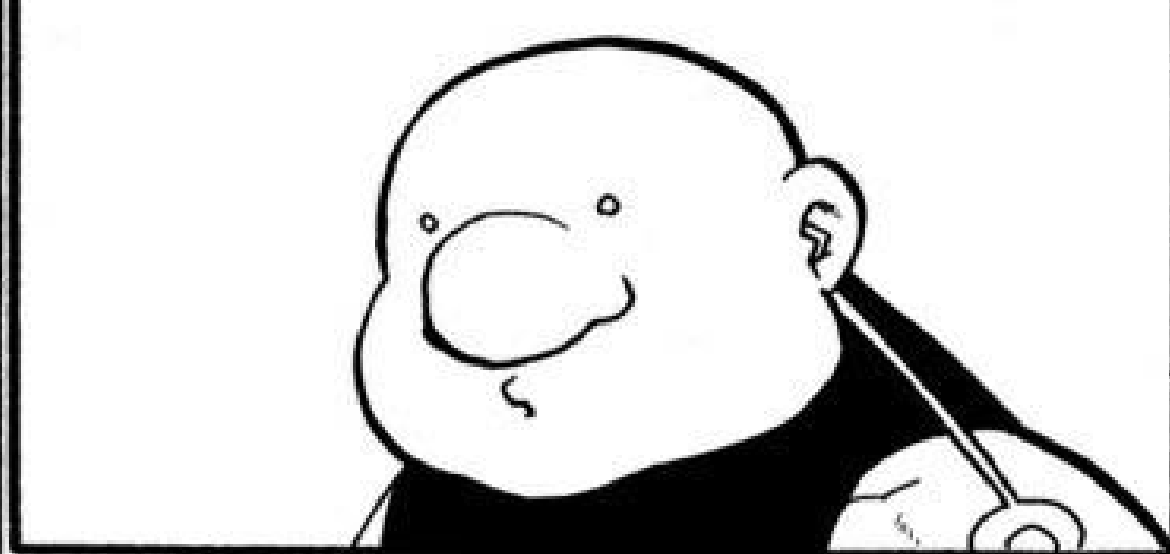
WE'LL LOOKIE HERE, GLUT-TONY.



...AND
ANYONE
ELSE
WHO'S
SEEN
US...

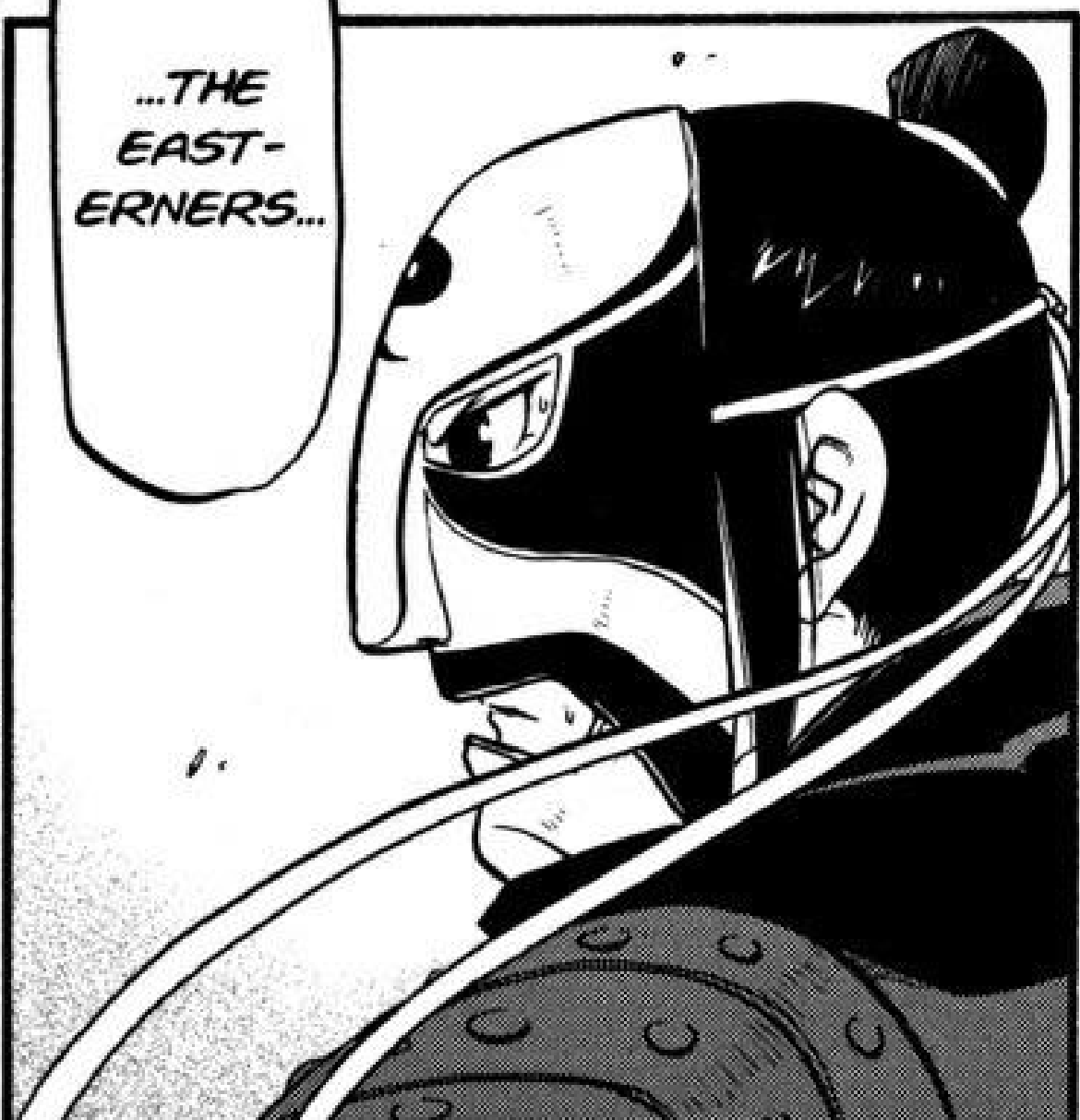
DEVOUR
THEM
ALL
!!

BZZT FZZT BZZT



THOSE
SPECTA-
TORS...

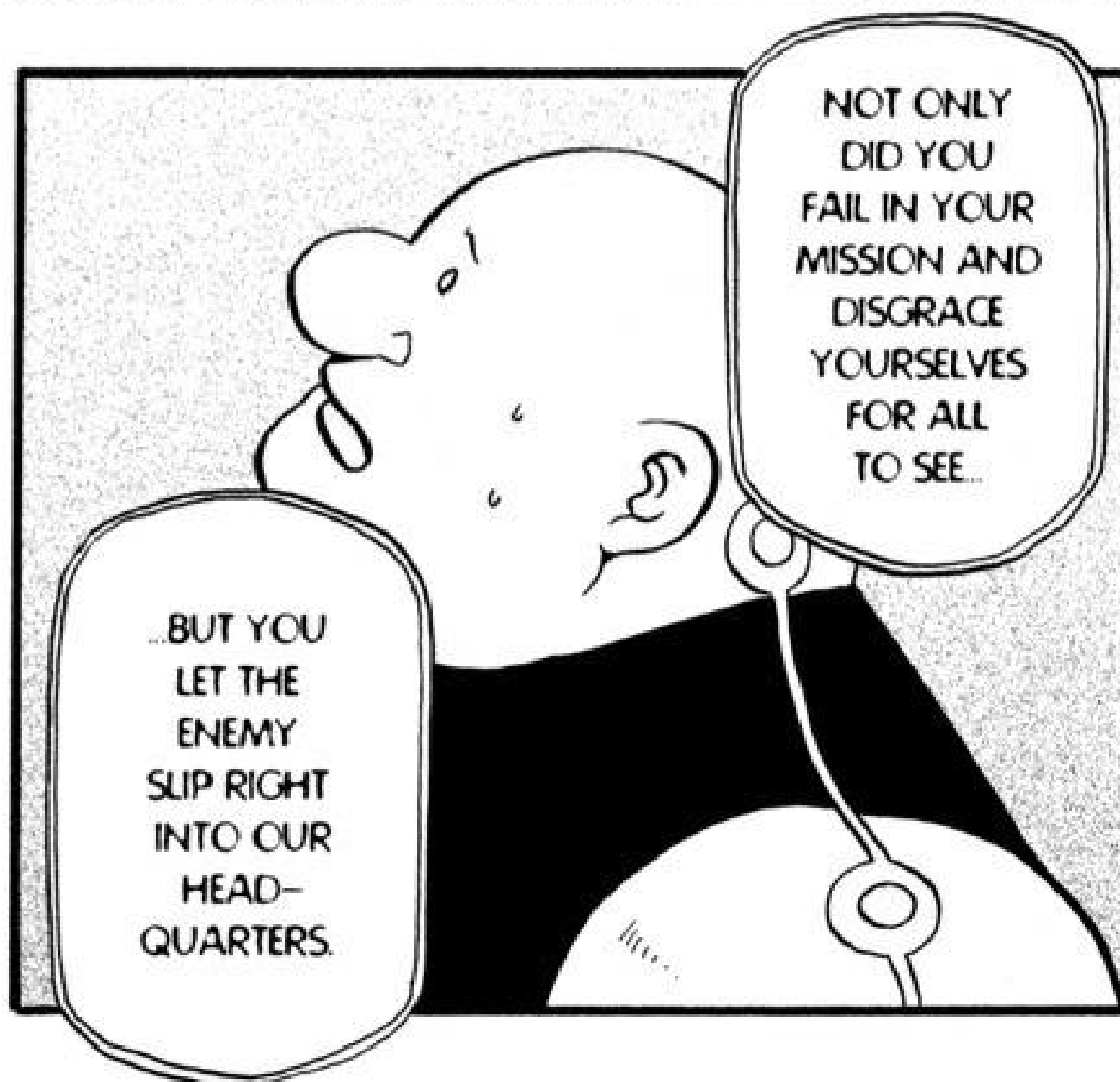
SHUDDER



...THE
EAST-
ERNERS...



WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING
?



...BUT YOU
LET THE
ENEMY
SLIP RIGHT
INTO OUR
HEAD-
QUARTERS.

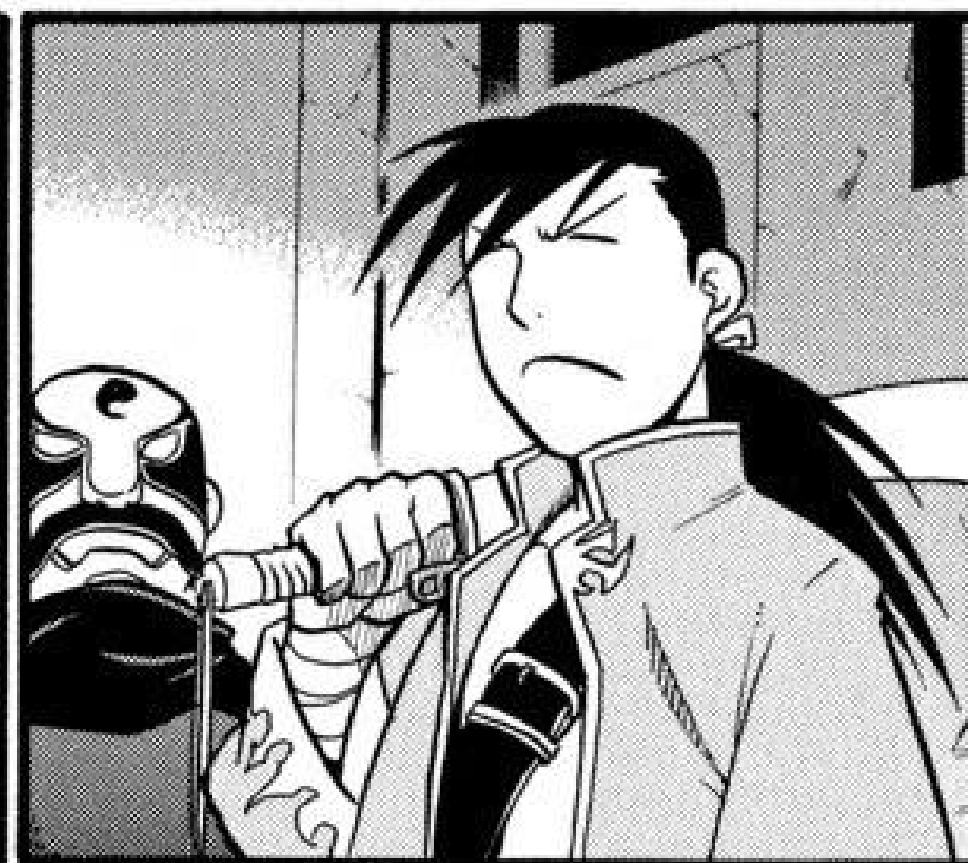
NOT ONLY
DID YOU
FAIL IN YOUR
MISSION AND
DISGRACE
YOURSELVES
FOR ALL
TO SEE...

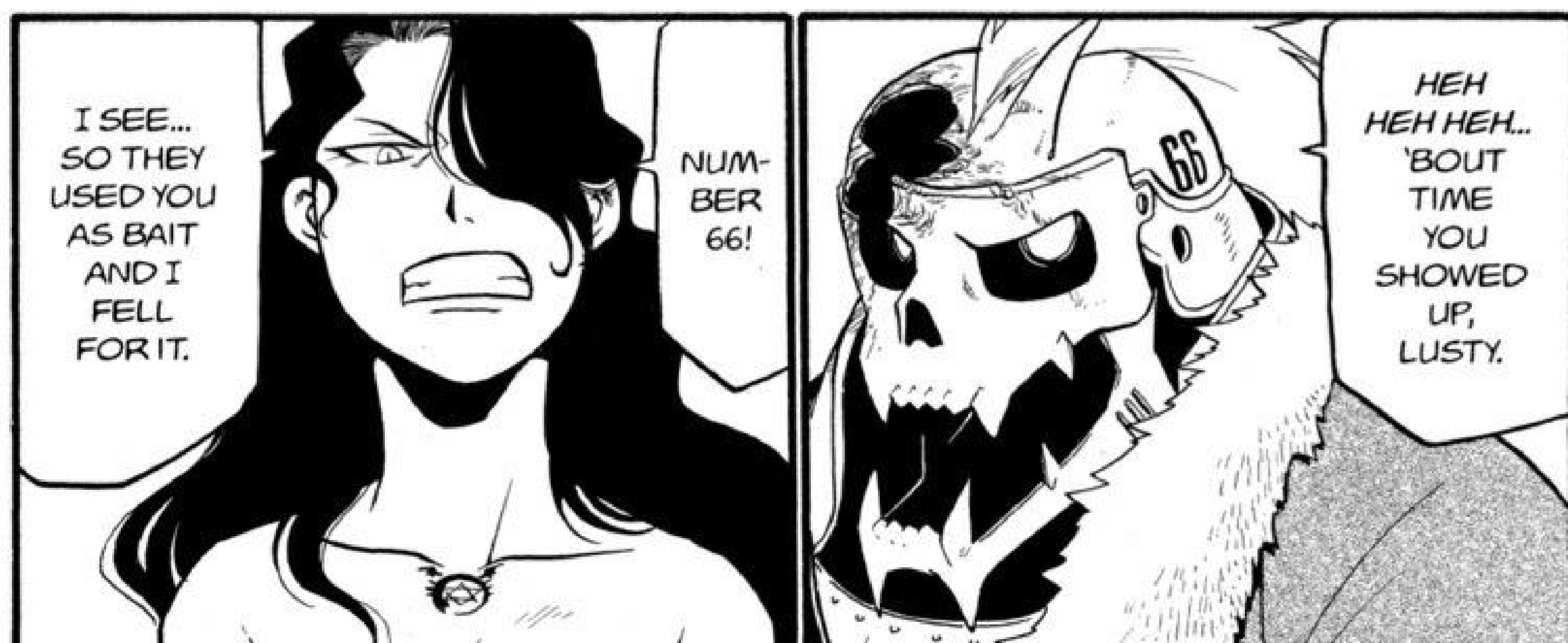
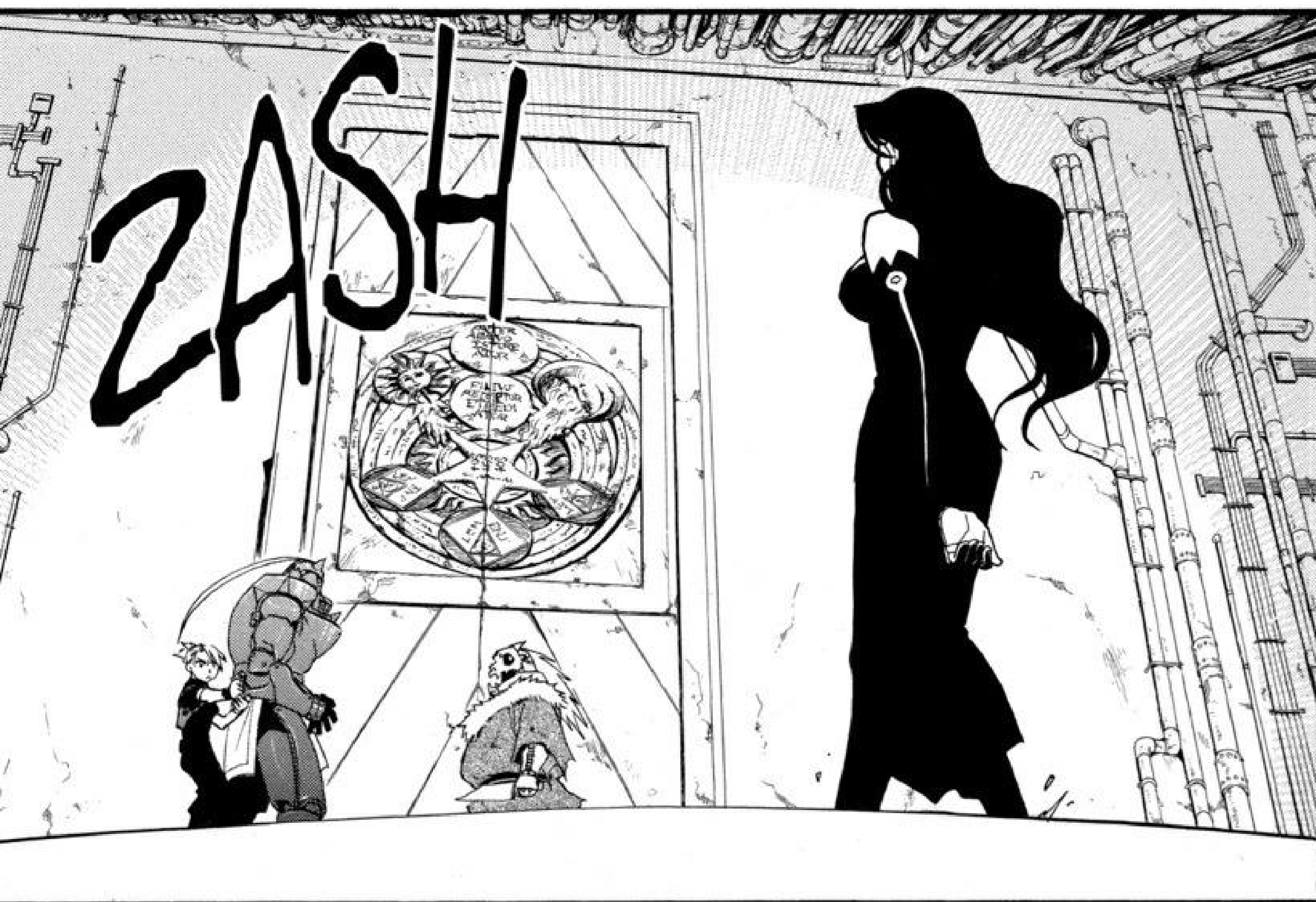


PRIDE
!?

WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING
HERE
!?









I NEVER WANTED
TO LIVE MY LIFE-
SUCH AS IT IS-
KISSING UP TO
YOU FREAKS AND
HIDING IN THE
SHADOWS.

HEH HEH...
WHAT CAN
I SAY? I
GOTTA
BE ME!

WHY
DID
YOU
HELP
THE
COLONEL
?



...I
WANT
TO
CHOP
YOU
UP
!!

BUT
ABOVE
ALL...

BUT EVEN WHEN
I ESCAPED AFTER
LAB 5 FELL, I HAD
TO KEEP A LOW
PROFILE SO YOU
WOULDN'T FIND
ME.

THE ONLY
WAY I CAN
BE **FREE**
IS IF
YOU'RE ALL
DEAD.



KILLING TWO
HUMAN
SACRIFICE
CANDIDATES
IN ONE NIGHT
IS QUITE A
SETBACK.

YOU JUST
HAD TO
TAG ALONG
WITH THE
BIG BOYS...
NOW YOU
LEAVE ME
NO
CHOICE.

AND
YOU,
ARMOR
BOY...

TSK,
TSK.
WHAT
AM I
GOING
TO DO
WITH
YOU?





HEY LADY,
STOP CHIT-
CHATTN'
WITH
THE HELP!



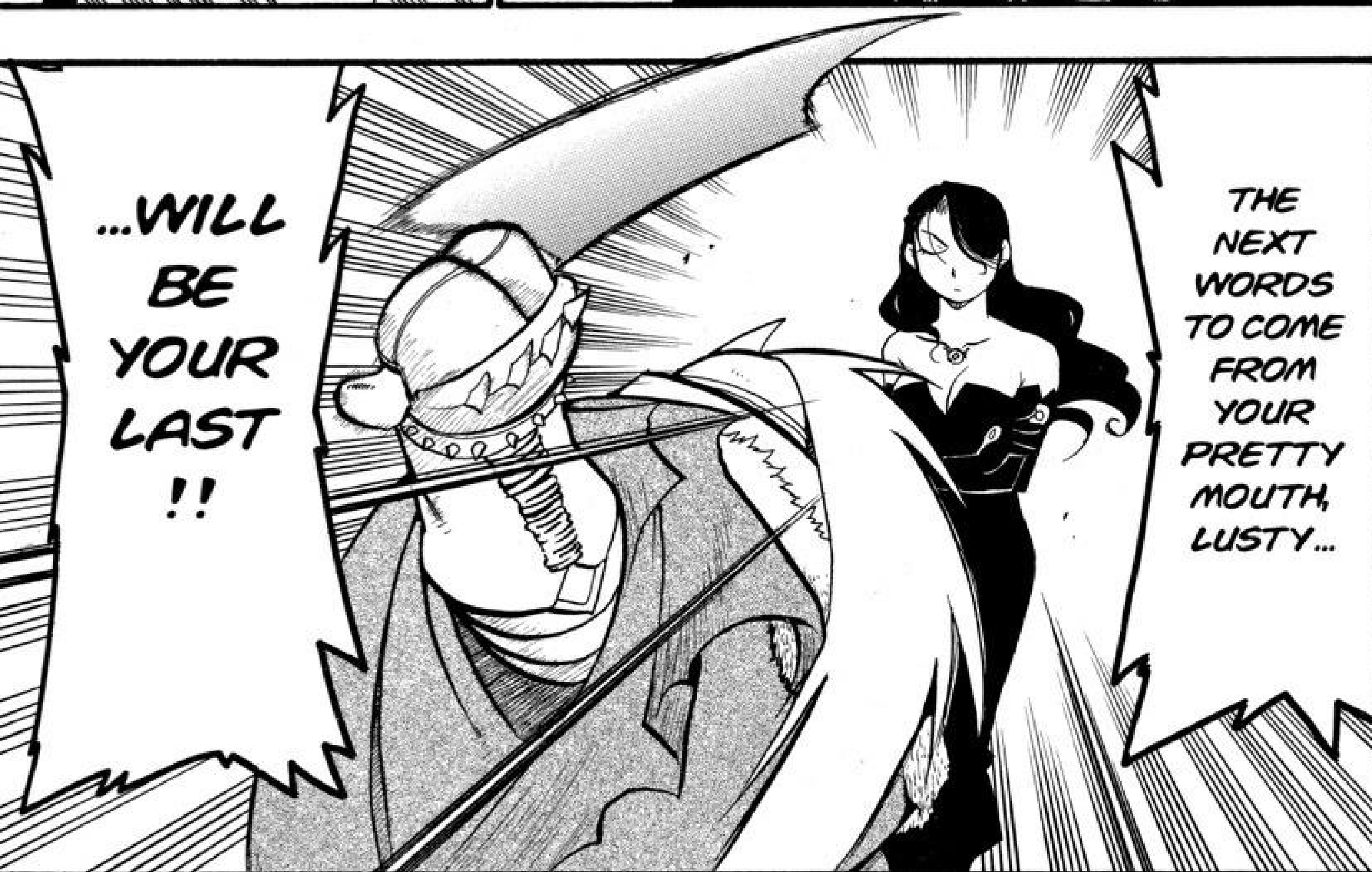
TWO
OF
THEM
?

HUMAN
SACRI-
FICE
!?



YOU
AND
ANOTHER.

THAT'S
RIGHT.



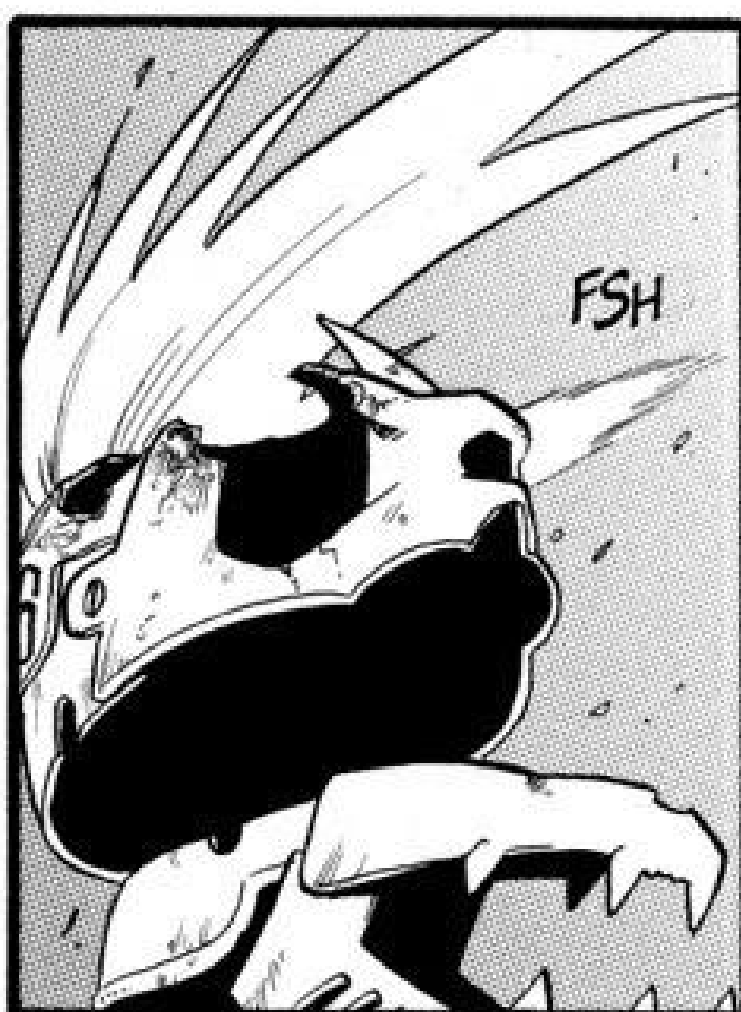
...WILL
BE
YOUR
LAST
!!

THE
NEXT
WORDS
TO COME
FROM
YOUR
PRETTY
MOUTH,
LUSTY...

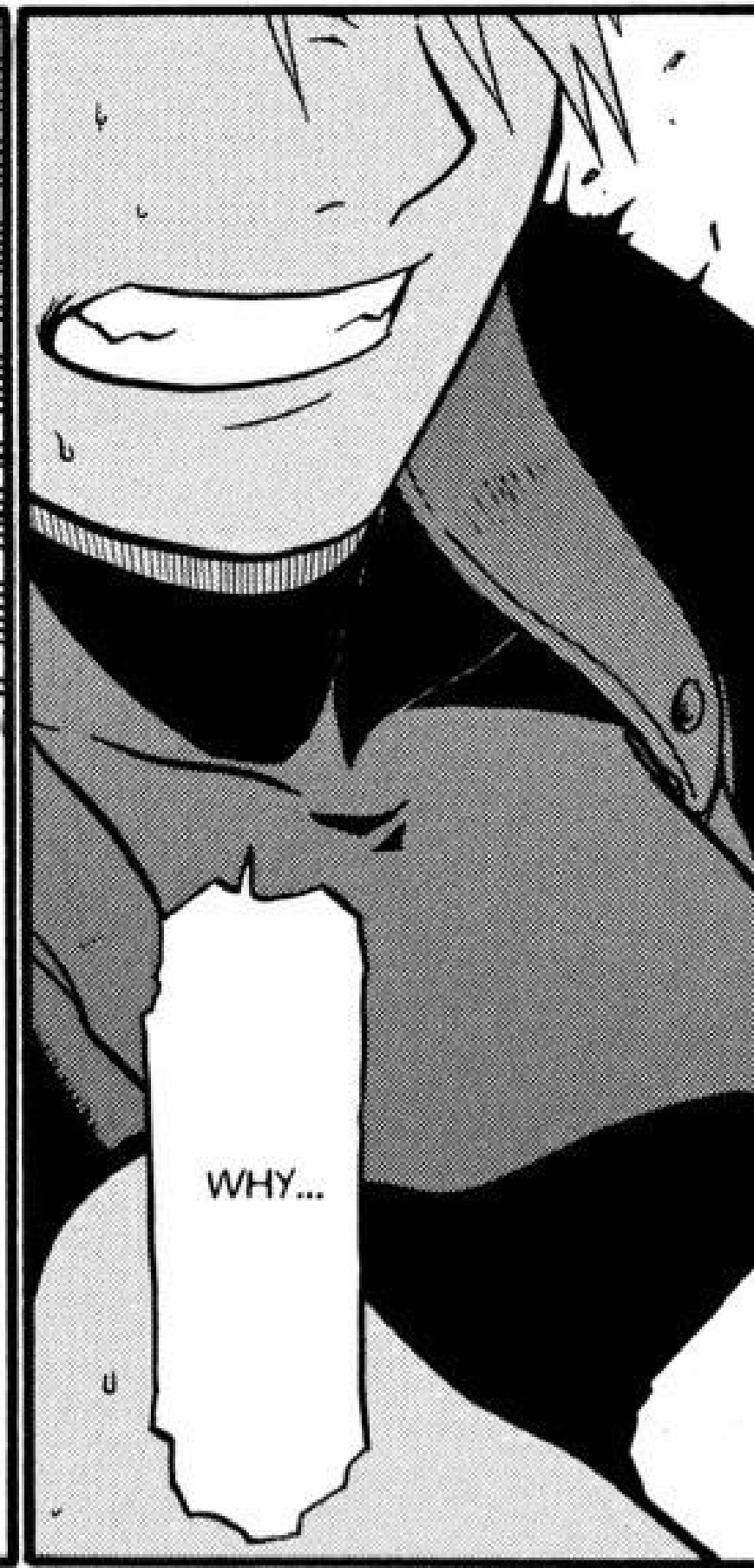
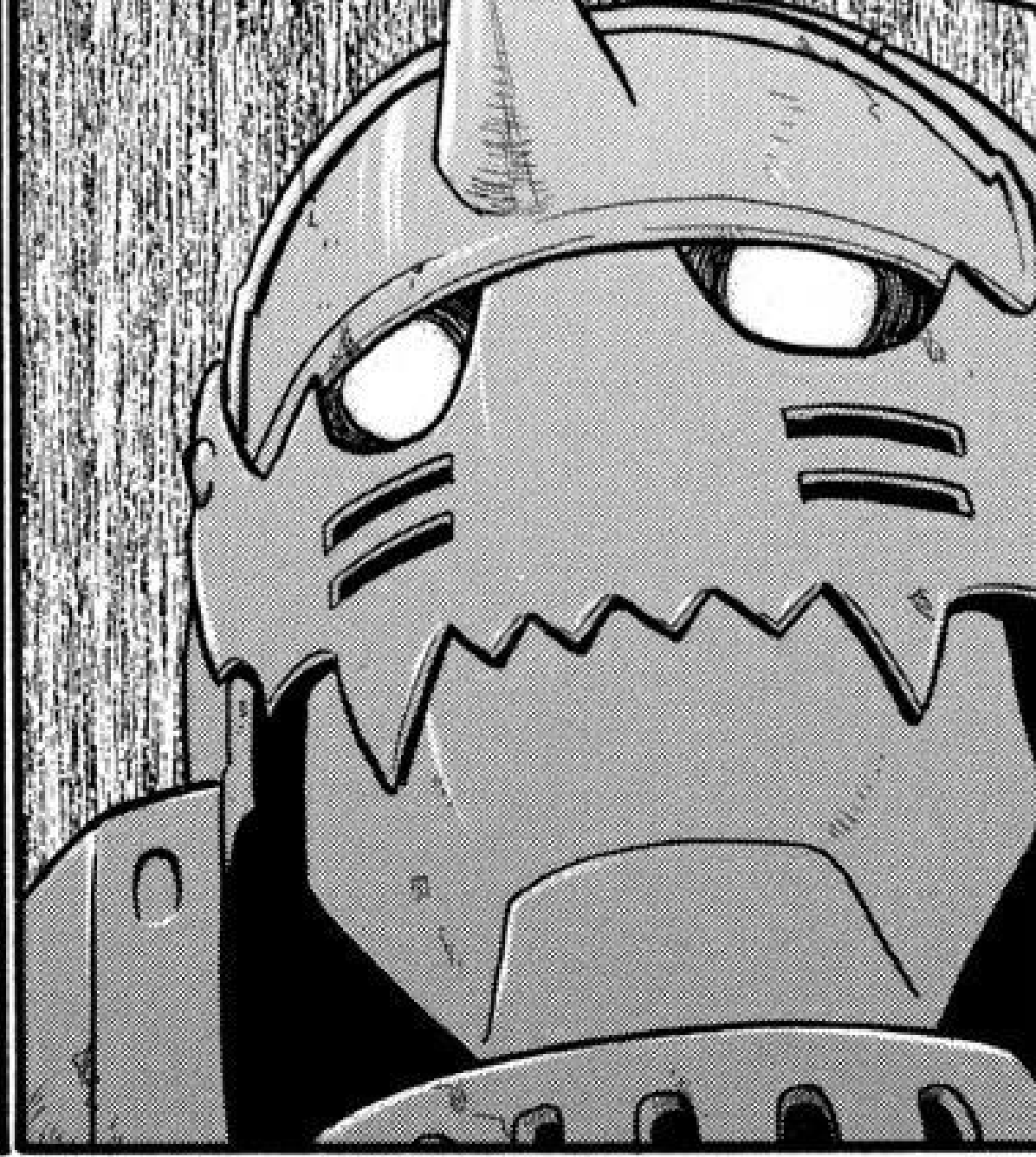


S
L
I
C
E

HUH?

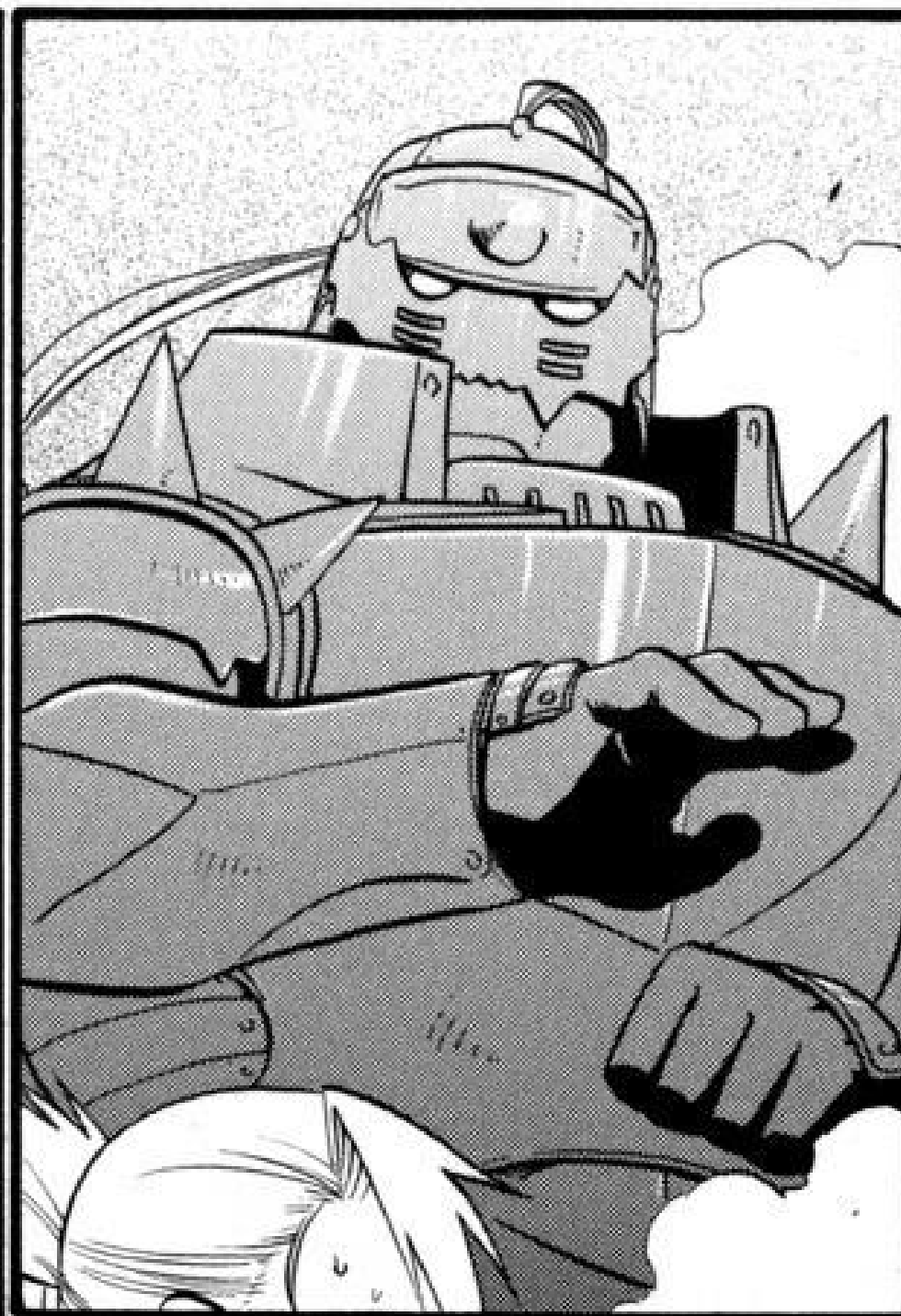
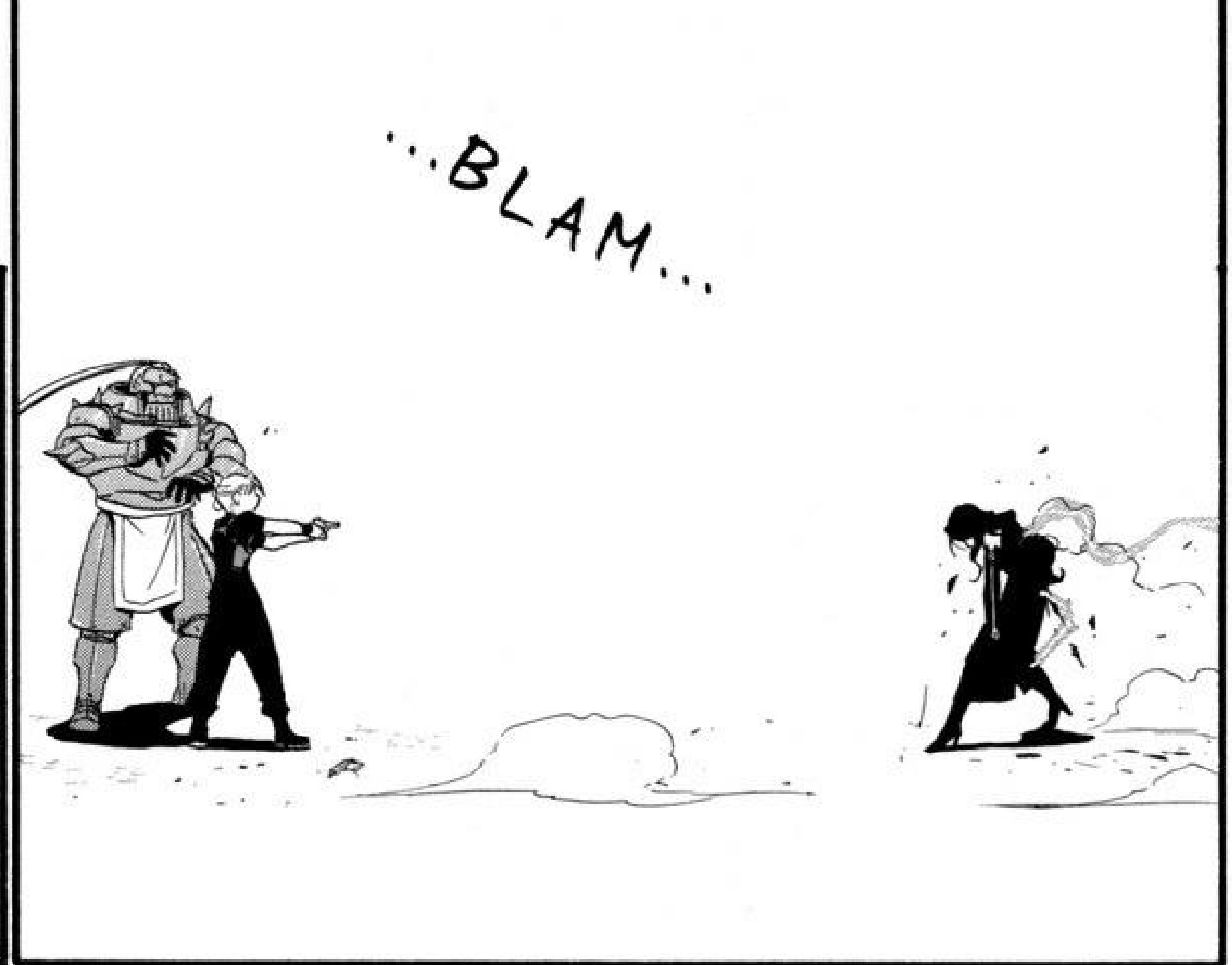
















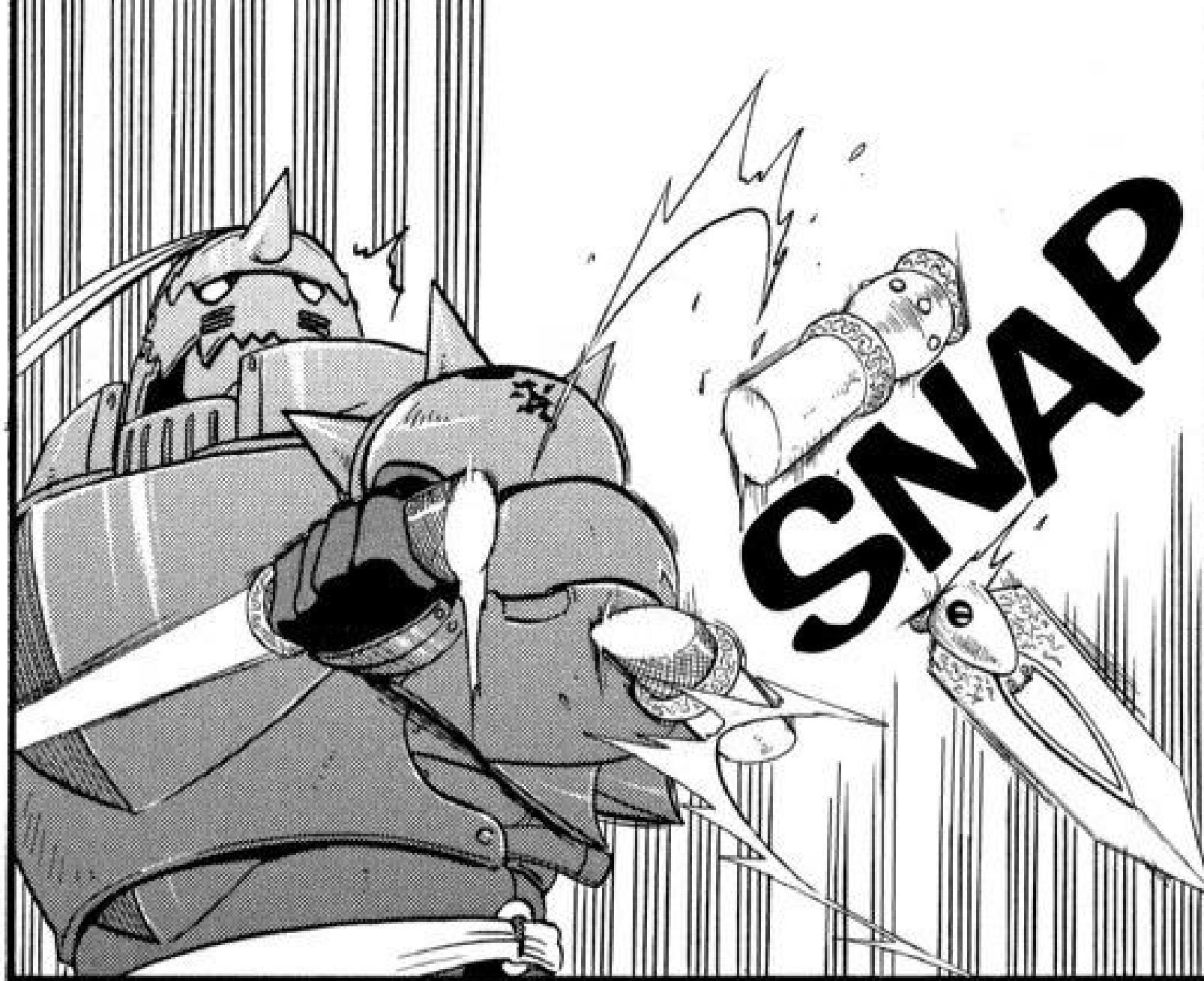
FOOL-
ISH
BOY.

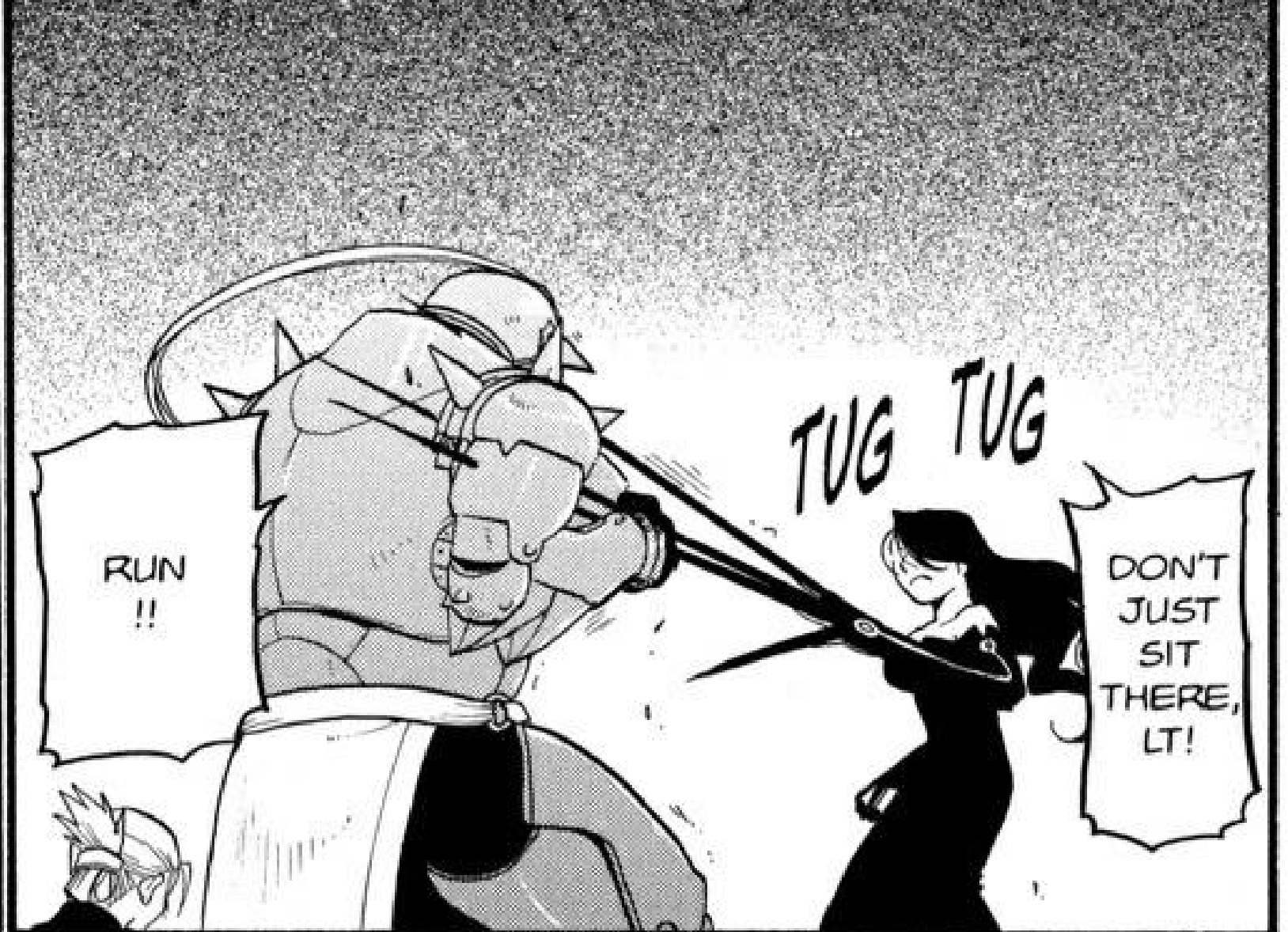


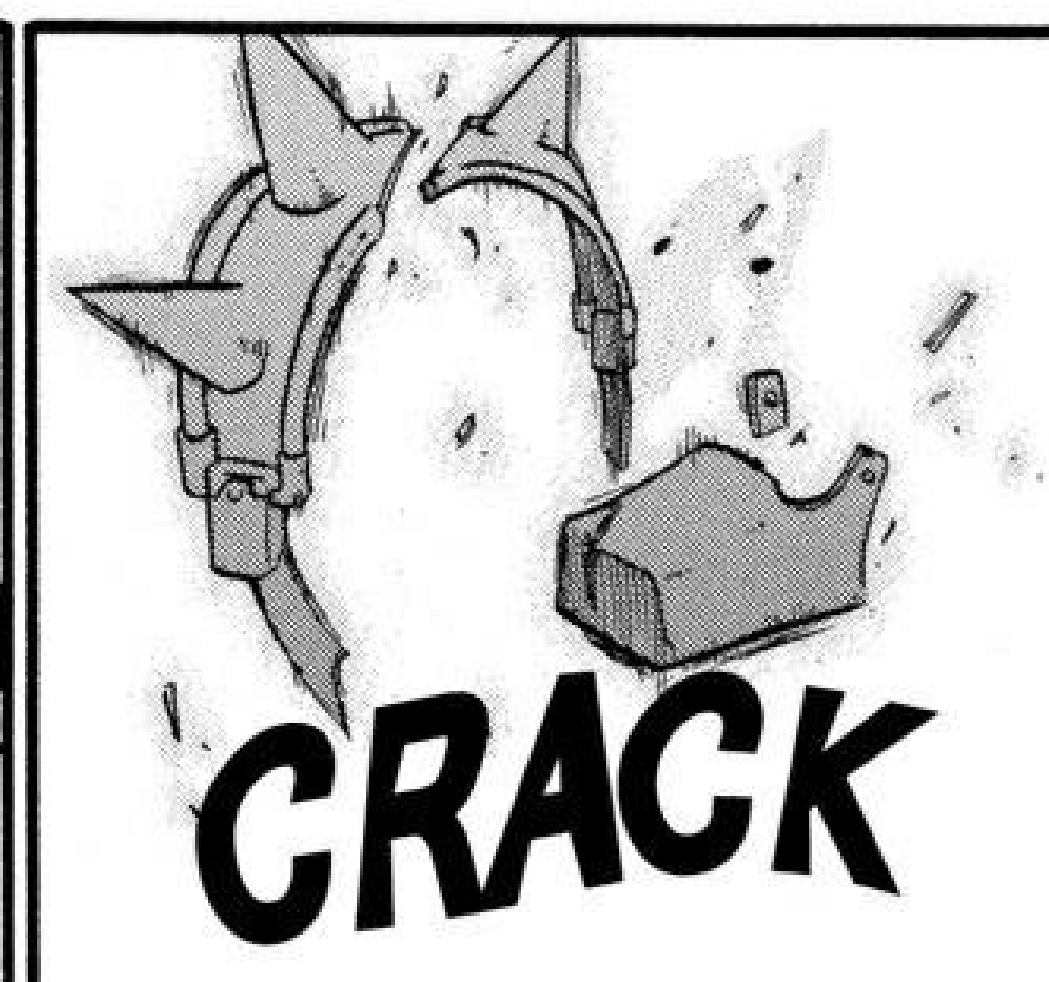
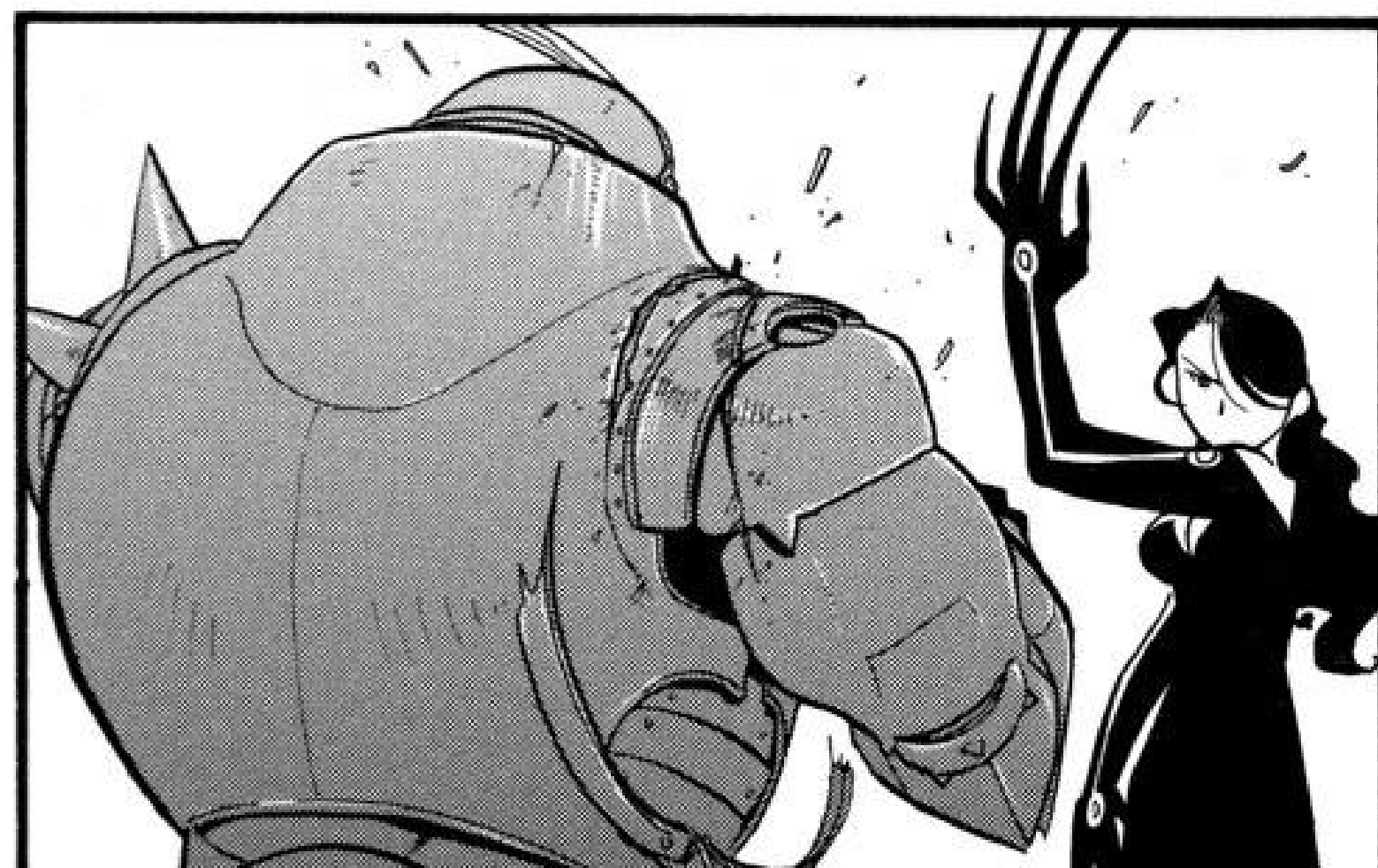
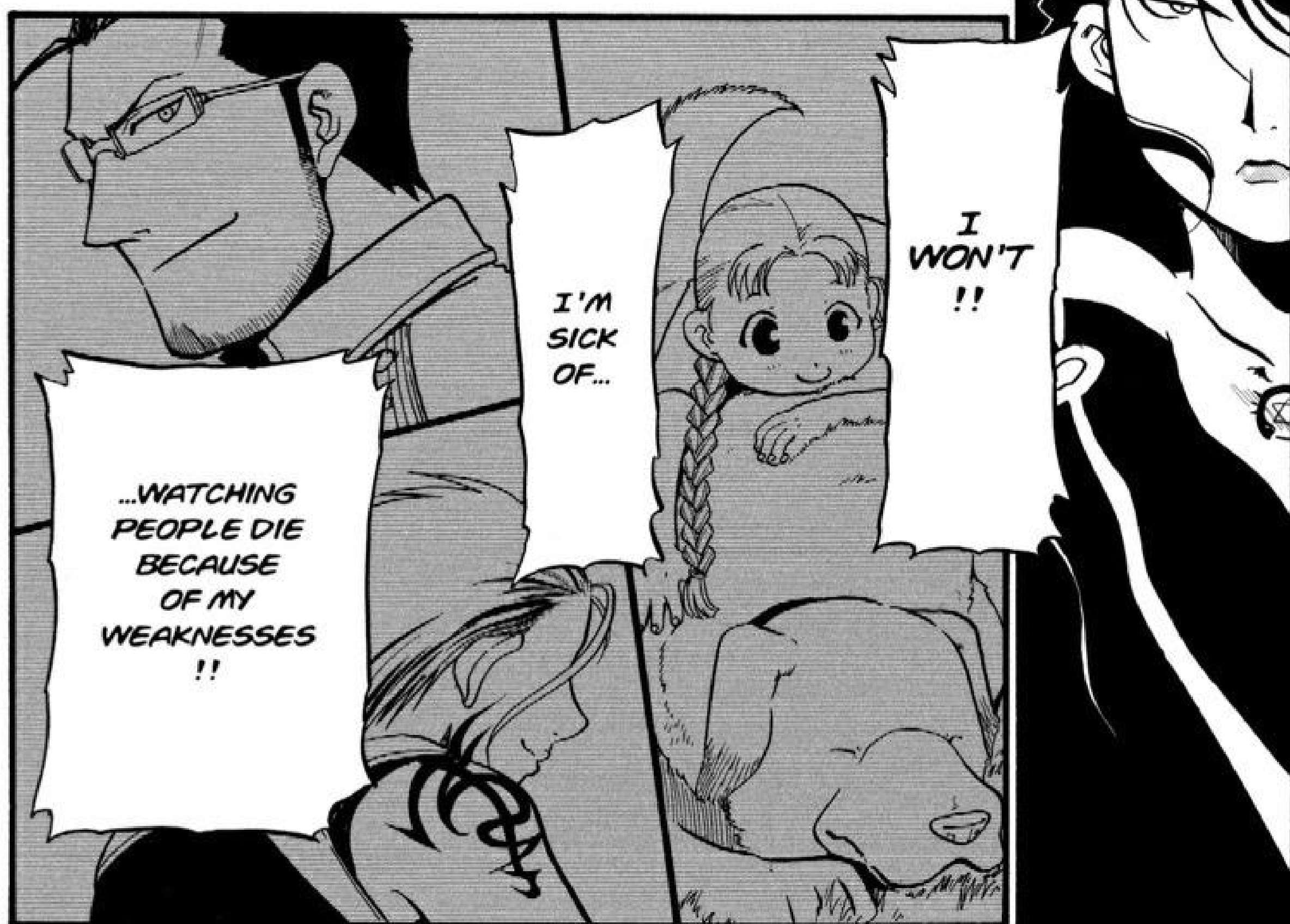
YOU
HAVE
TO
GET
OUT
OF
HERE.

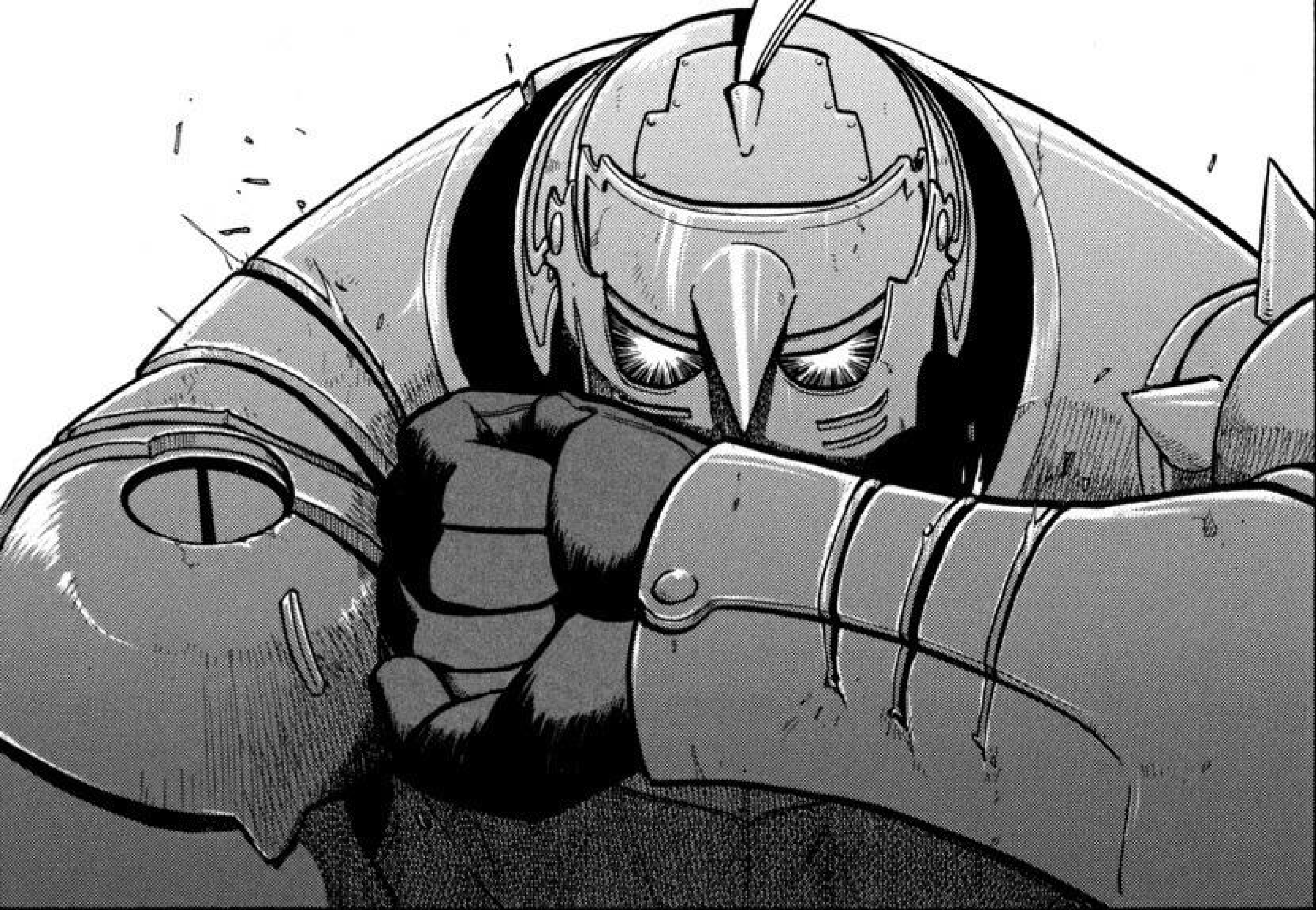
GET
UP,
LT.











CLAP

!!



I LIKE
WHAT YOU
JUST SAID,
ALPHONSE
ELRIC.





Boo

!!

OM



GWO O O O

WHAT
!?!



TO GAIN THE
INITIATIVE IN
WAR, FIRST TAKE
AWAY YOUR ENEMY'S
MOBILITY. AND
WHENEVER
POSSIBLE...





I
USED
FIRE
TO
SEAR
THE
WOUNDS
CLOSED.



YOU
SHOULD
HAVE
BLED
TO
DEATH!
HOW
ARE
YOU
ALIVE!?



CO...

NO,
LIEU-
TENANT
!!

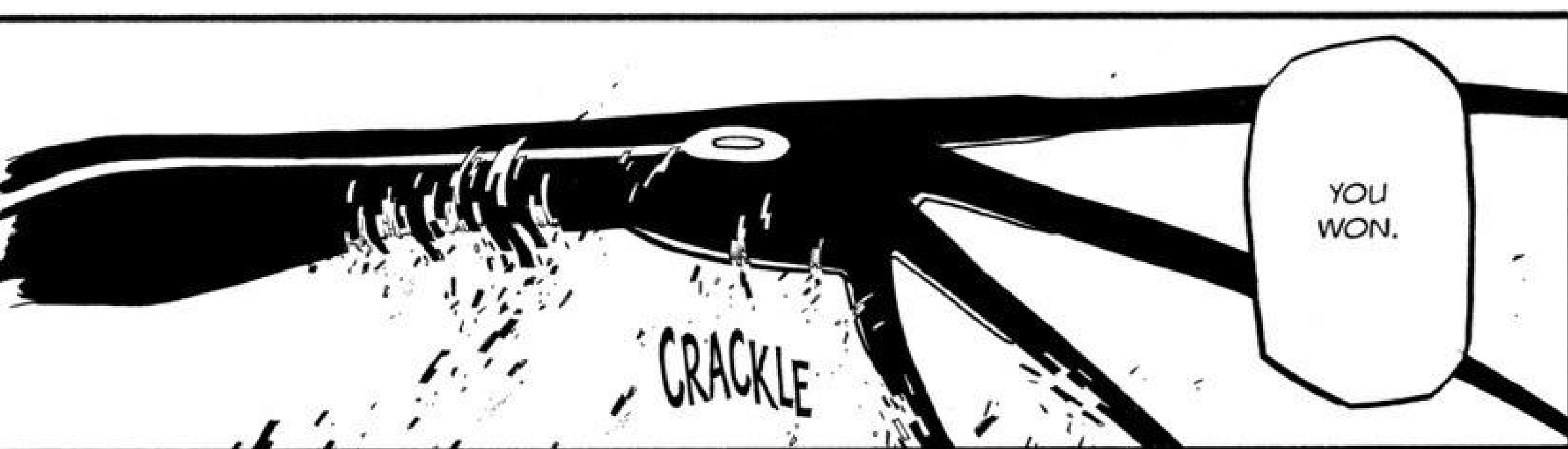


ALMOST
PASSED
OUT
TWO
OR
THREE
TIMES
IN THE
PROCESS
!









YOU
WON.



THOSE
EYES,
SO
CLEAR
AND
FOCUSED...

I
LOVE
THEM.



I
HATE
TO
LOSE...

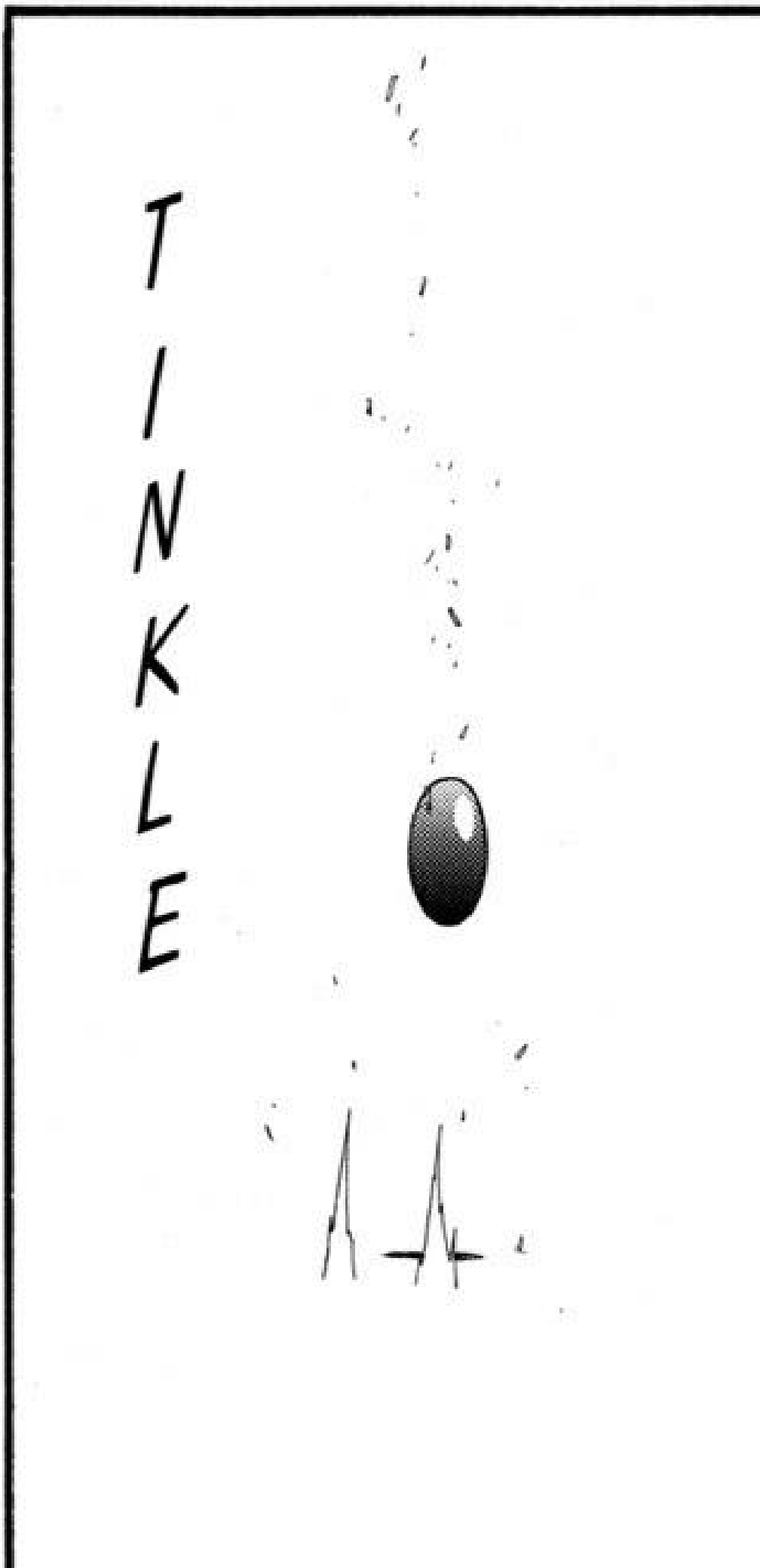
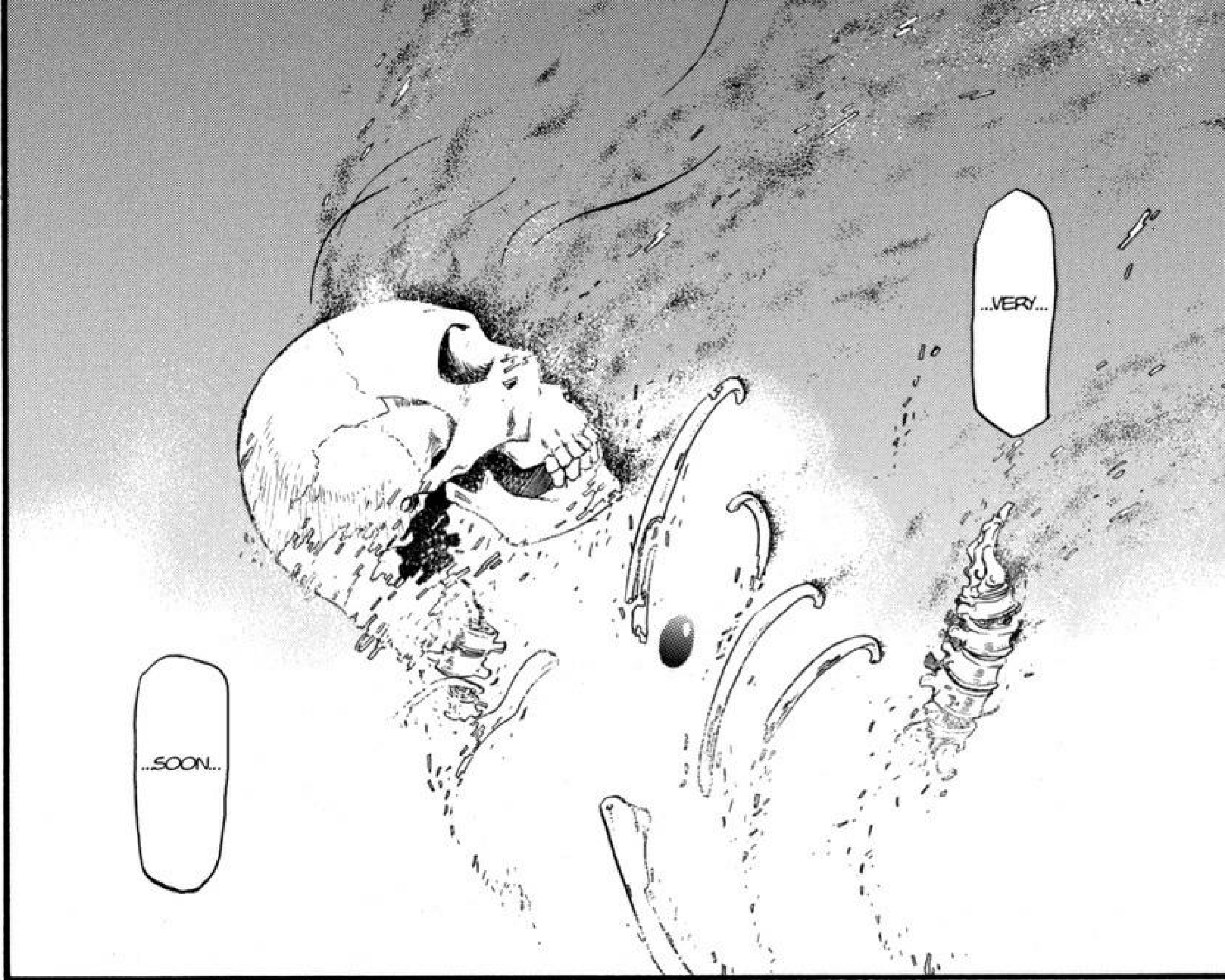
...BUT IF
I MUST DIE,
I'M GLAD
IT'S AT THE
HANDS OF
A MAN
LIKE YOU.



...TO SEEING
THOSE EYES
BECOME
CLOUDED
FROM
SUFFERING.
THAT DAY
WILL COME...

I
LOOK
FOR-
WARD...

FZSH





OH,
LIEU-
TENANT.
YOU'RE
SAFE.

ARE
YOU
ALL
RIGHT,
SIR
!?

WORRY
ABOUT
YOURSELF,
SIR!!



COLONEL
!!



NEVER
MIND
THAT! WE
HAVE TO
CALL A
DOCTOR
!!

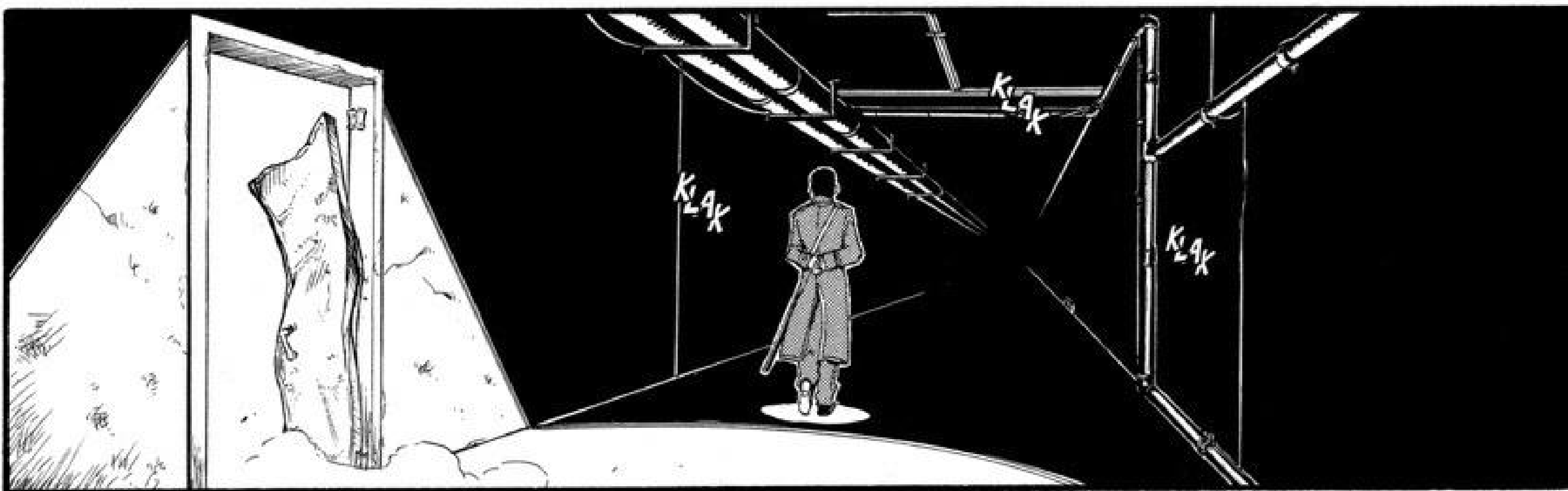
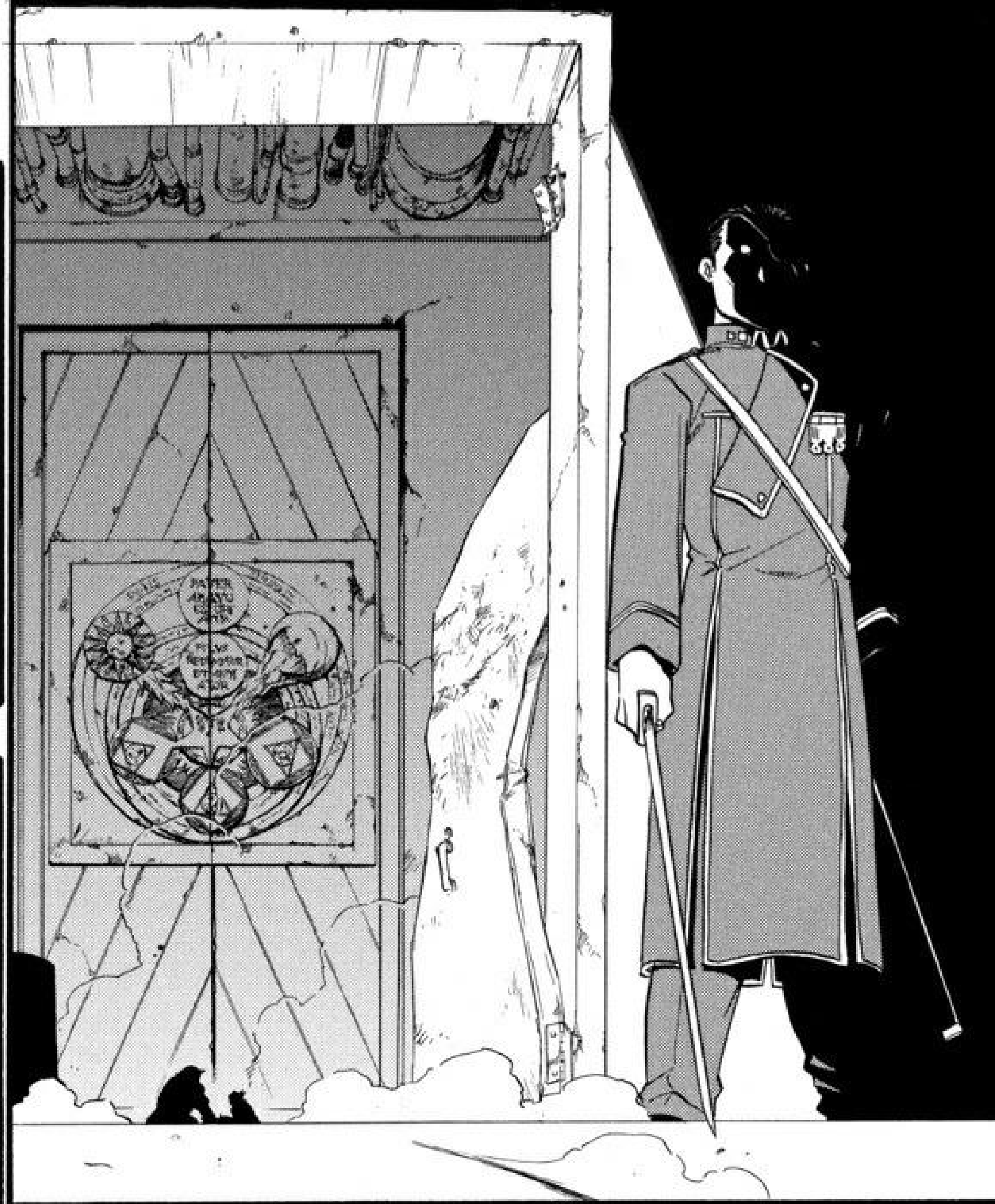
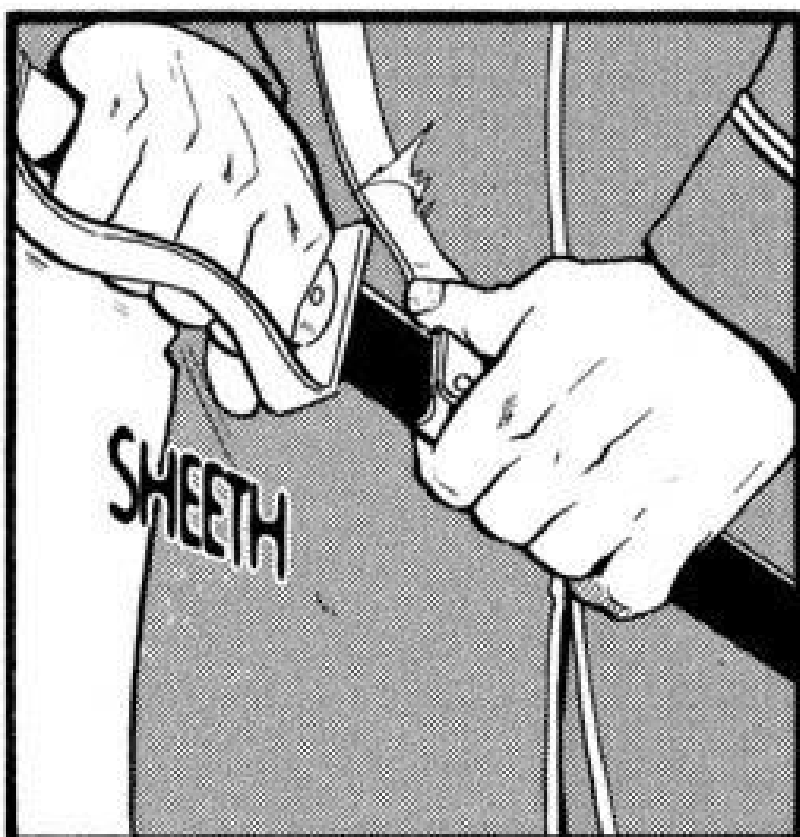
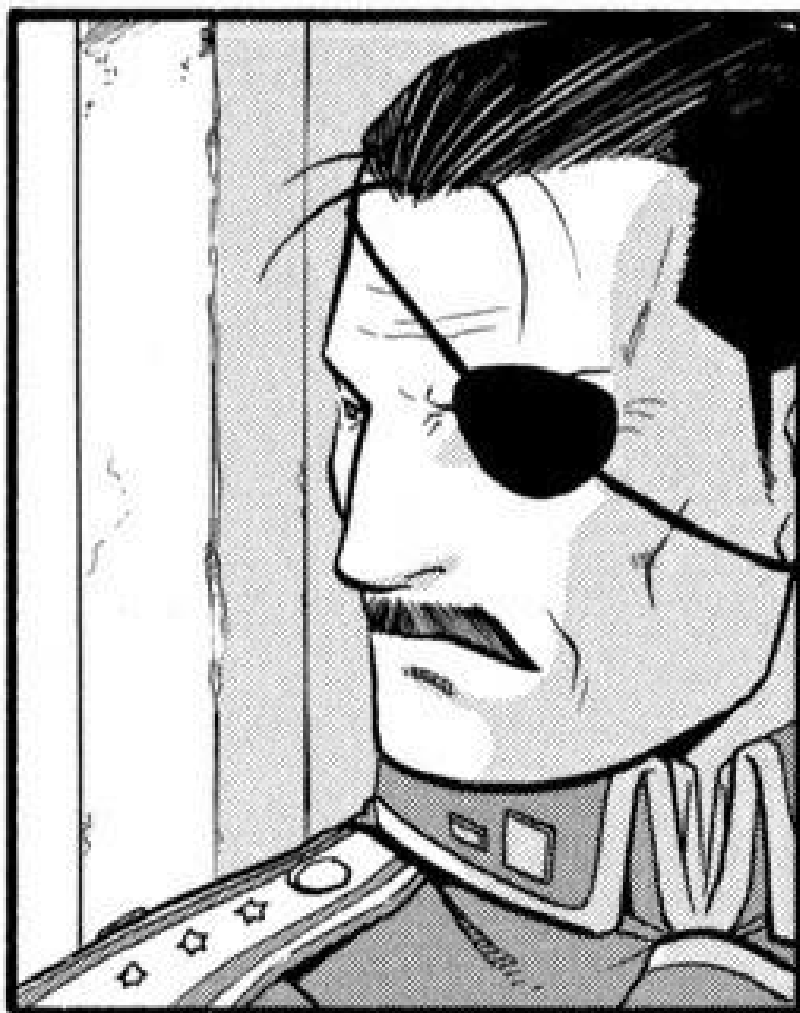
ALPHONSE...
THANK YOU
FOR
PROTECTING
MY SUBORD-
INATE.



HURRY...
CALL A
DOCTOR
FOR
HAVOC.

YES...

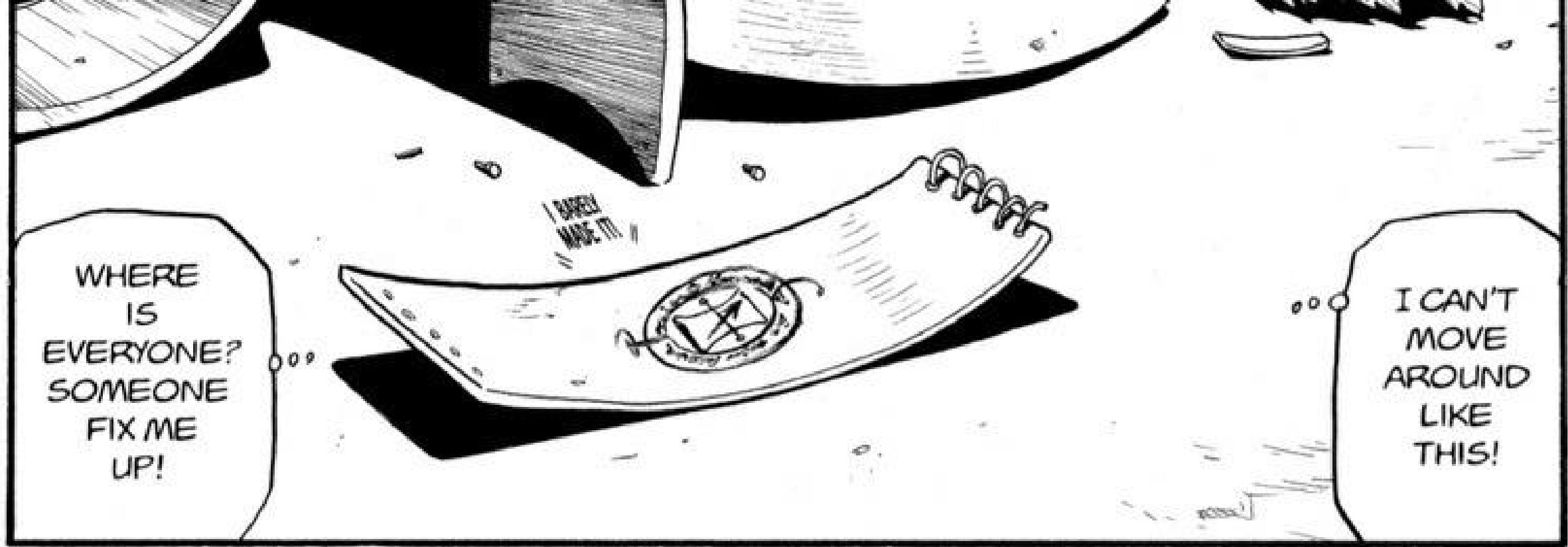
PLEASE...

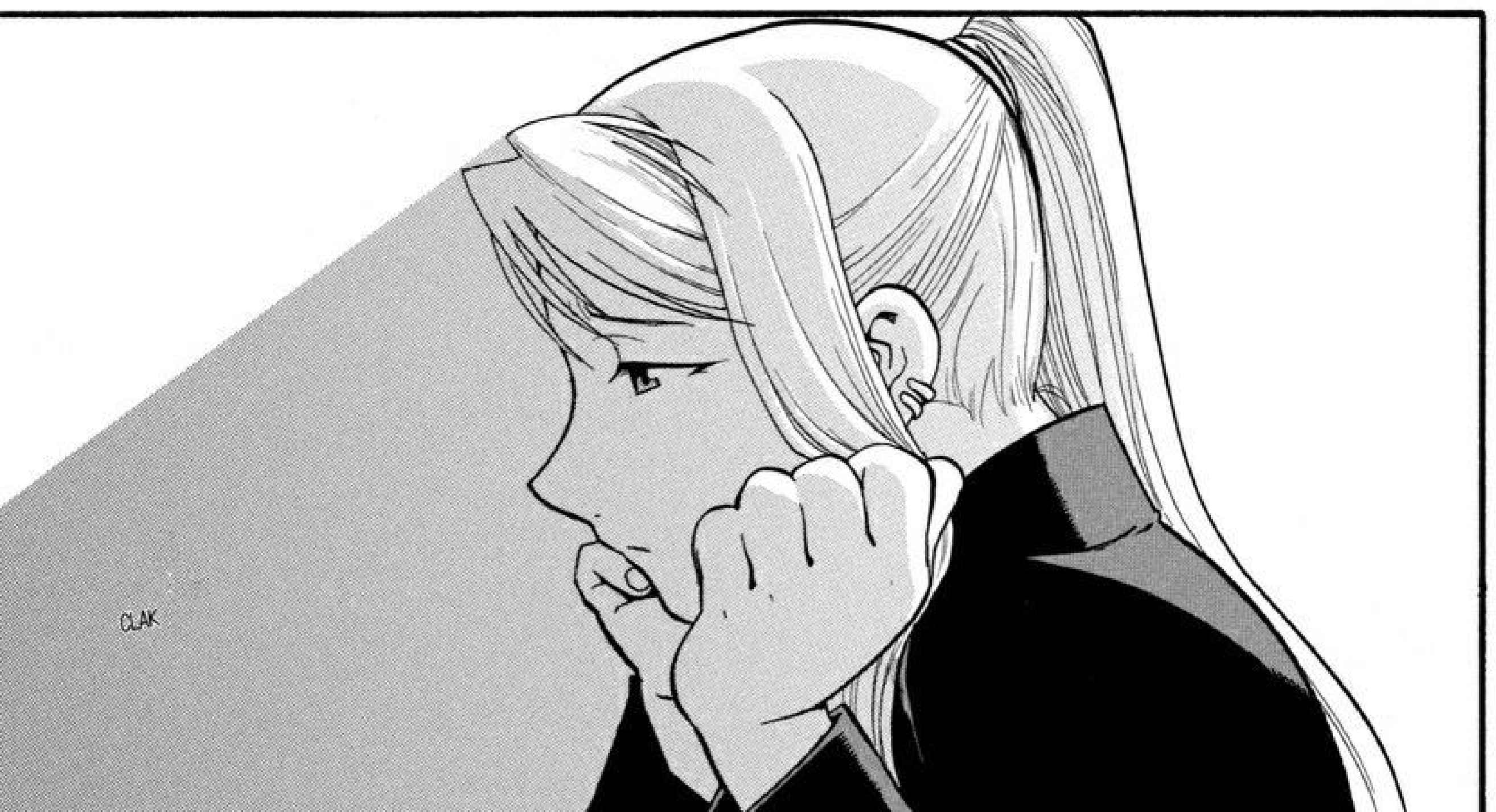


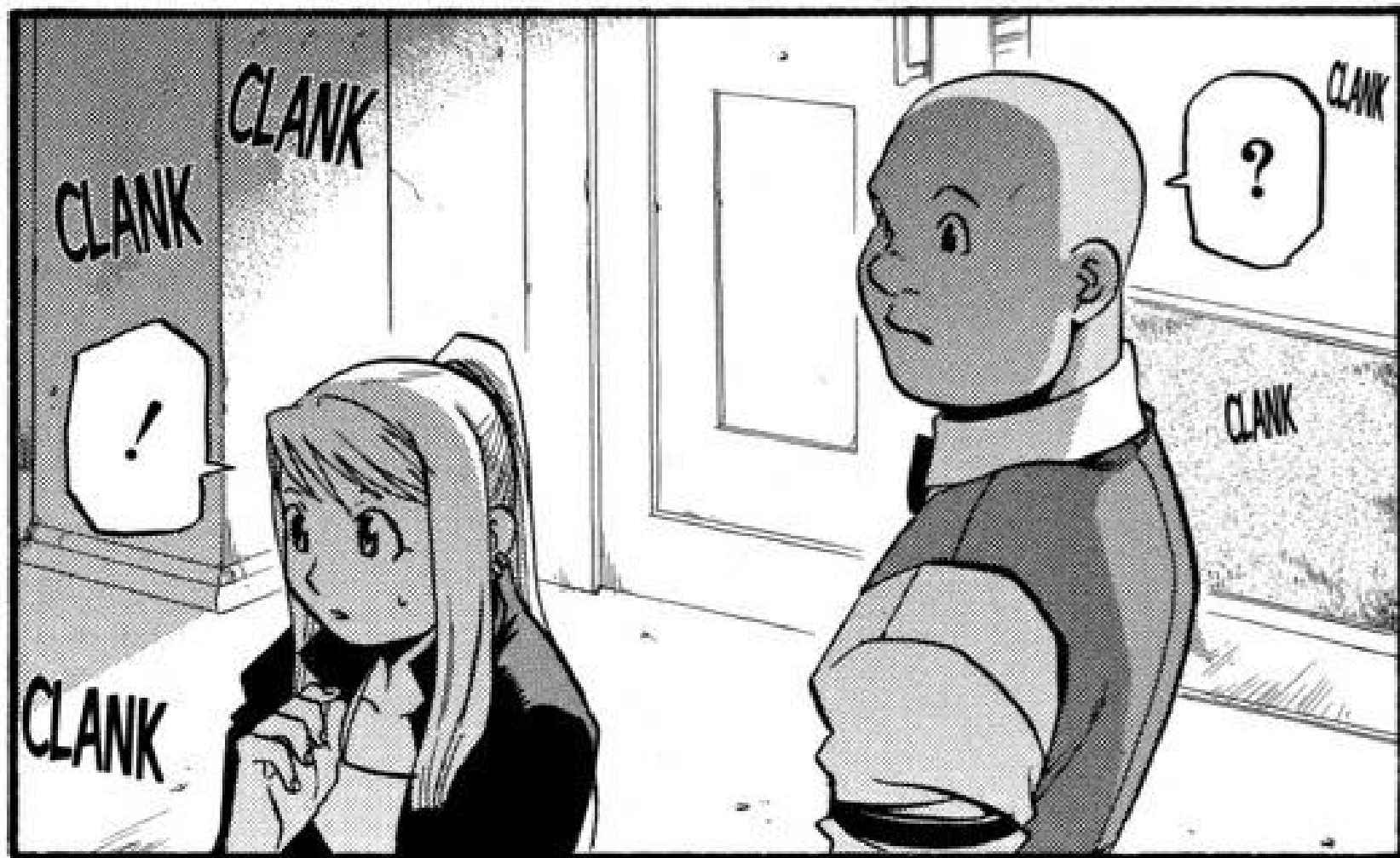
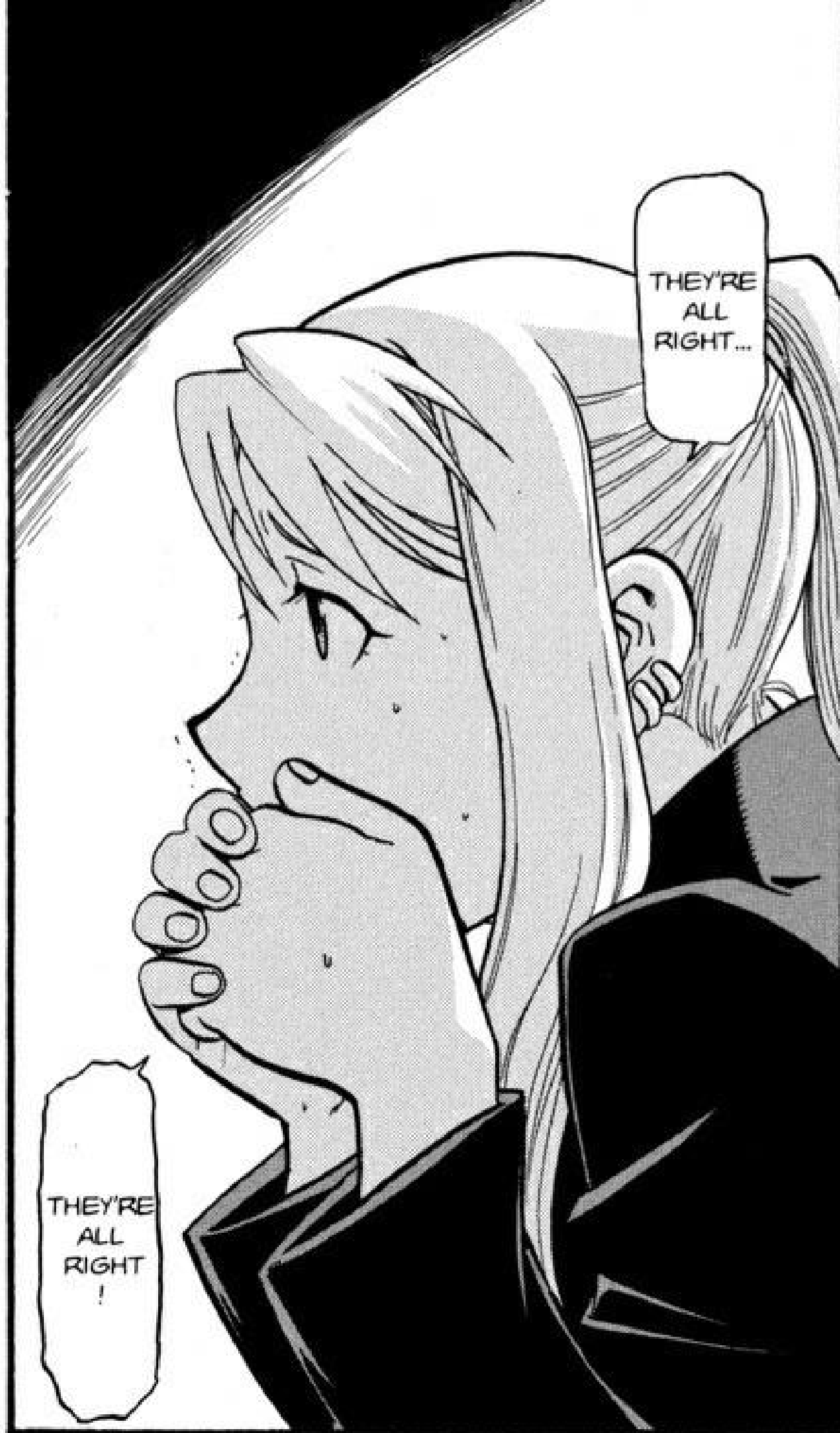
GREAT.
NOW
WHAT
DO I
DO?

IT'S A
GOOD
THING
I WAS
PLAYING
DEAD.
PHEW
!

IS
IT
OVER
?









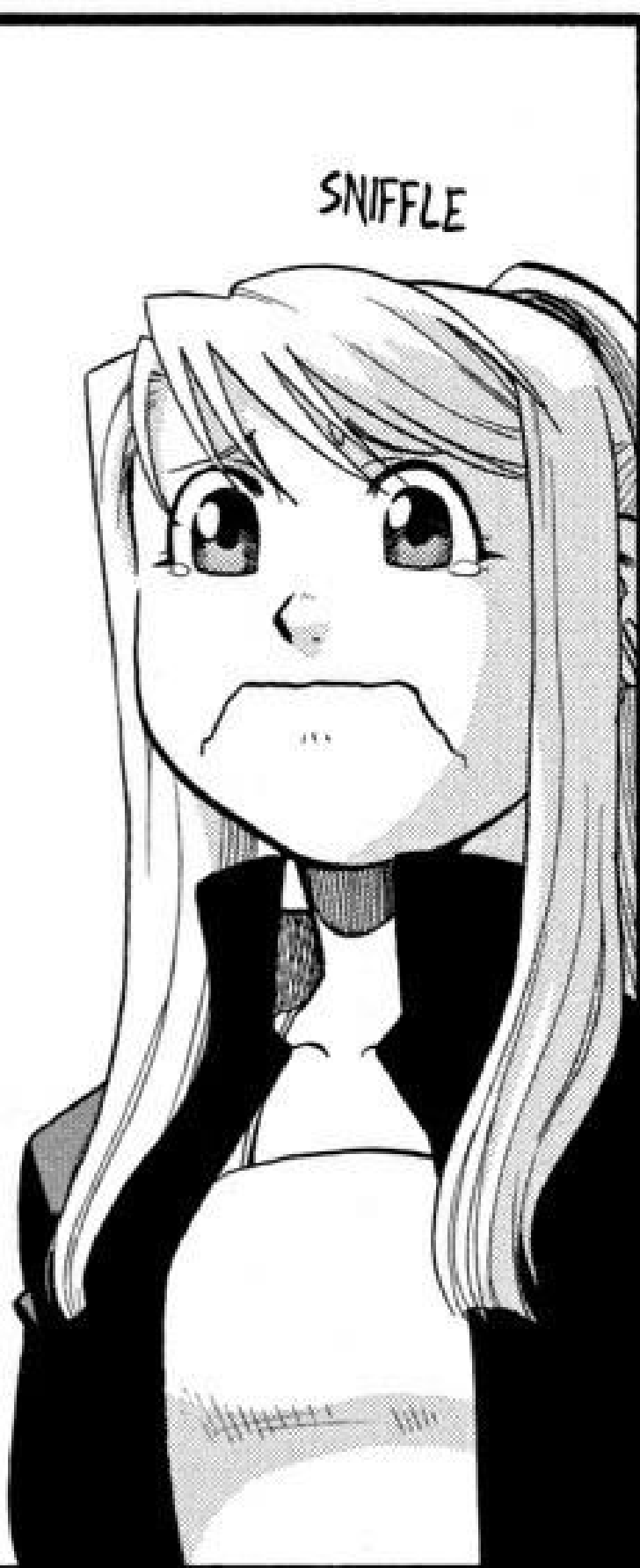
A...

CLANK



AH.

CLANK

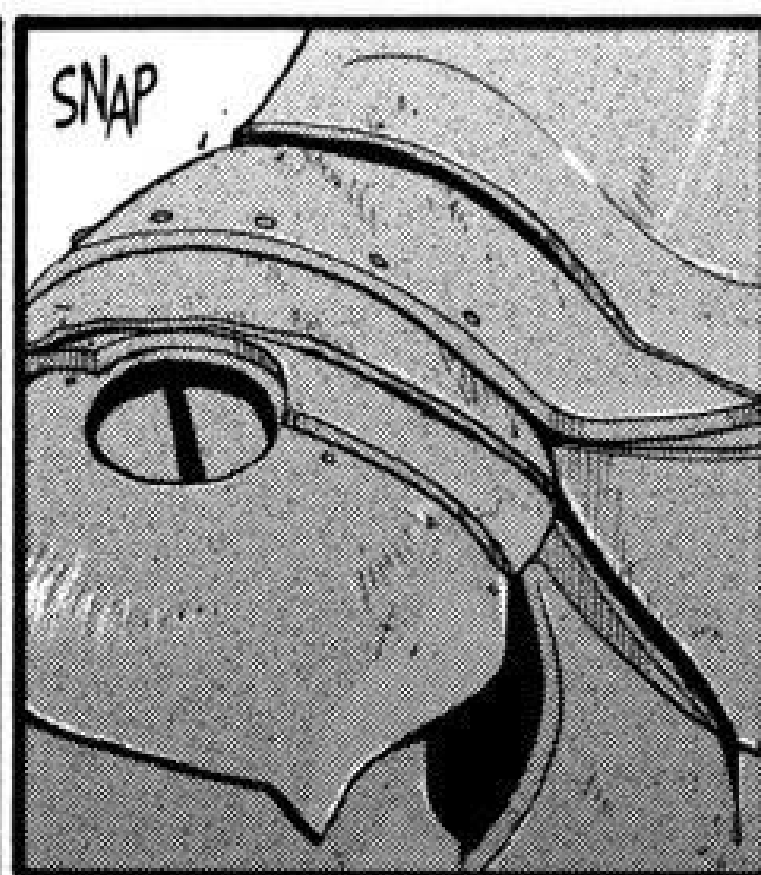


SNIFFLE



UM...

I'M HOME.



SNAP



...AL.



WELCOME
BACK
!

YOU
IDIOT
!

